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THE ATHERLEY TRIAL.

CASHIER WITNESS ASKED TO SIGN ATHERLEY'S NAME.

CASH ADVANCES ON SALARIES.

During the course of this morning's hearing of the trial of James Edward Atherley, ex-manager of Getz Brothers, Cheung Ho-chi, who was cashier at material times, was asked to sign several times the name, "J. E. Atherley." After he had done so, Mr. Elsiey Zeitlyn and the accused were observed to compare the signatures with a document in their possession.

The question of the payment of advances on salaries was gone into both by the prosecution and by the defence.

Some algebraic figures were involved in the documenting of a mass of papers brought into the case this morning, and, finishing with the CKY series, another series, denoted by the figures CHC, appeared this morning to represent certain material evidence by office papers which passed directly through Cheung Ho-chi, the cashier's hands, within the period under investigation in the case.

Resuming his examination of the cashier, Mr. F. C. Jenkin (for the prosecution) asked:—Mr. Cheung, the last item on CKY, against the Wing On Company 56795, when was that shown as being paid into the Bank?—On the 22nd April, 1924.

In Exhibit H, the bank's paying-in book, counterfoil, witness indicated that there appeared against this item a cheque for \$2,010.49 which was given him by the manager. It was the latter's private cheque.

Mr. Jenkin:—Turn to CKY2: the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 7th items, with the exception of one for \$102, were all shown to have been paid on the same day as on the counterfoil?—Yes. And they were covered by the same private cheque.

Mr. Jenkin:—That clears off CKY2. We now turn to CKY3. There are three items in this, totalling \$73.50. Was this paid into the bank?—Yes. On the 25th April, 1924.

Shown the office deposit slip documented as Exhibit 7 in the case, witness indicated that this amount of \$73.50 was correspondingly shown as being paid into the bank. He also indicated that this sum was also shown under the same date under the three last items appearing on the opposite side of the counterfoil of the bank's paying-in book.

His Lordship was then asked by counsel to add the three items included in this sum on the paying-in book counterfoil and to compare it with the paying-in slip.

Witness was shown the paying-in slip and he said that the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th items therein were the corresponding ones in this slip.

Mr. Jenkin:—The items which include those three were met by cheque paid in by that date, for \$1,273.44?—Yes, the three items were included in this cheque.

Counsel:—What cheque is that?—I think it is a private cheque paid on the 25th April, the same day.

THE PROCESS DESCRIBED.
Mr. Jenkin proceeded to examine witness as to the process involved in the passing of monies between the prisoner and the comptroller's department.

Witness said that on any day in the month of April, he would make a list of the monies received from customers with their names on a slip (known as the slip in the case), before the list-in to the cashier.

This list, in its original form, after the witness had signed it, was handed to the cashier.

The next day, the list was handed to the cashier, who would then sign it and return it to the witness.

Witness said that on any day in the month of April, he would make a list of the monies received from customers with their names on a slip (known as the slip in the case), before the list-in to the cashier.

This list, in its original form, after the witness had signed it, was handed to the cashier.

SEIZED TOBACCO.

CASE TO BE REHEARD.

The case concerning the seizure of 57 bales of raw tobacco valued at \$2,000, at Yaumatei breakwater, was again before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Police Court this morning, and owing to the fact that Mr. Leo d'Almada, representing the owners, and Mr. J. D. Lloyd, Superintendent of the Imports and Exports Office, had not been able to reach a decision on the matter, the case was fixed for hearing on Tuesday next.

After a confiscation order had been obtained at the Police Court, Mr. d'Almada applied for a rehearing of the case, as the owners were quite willing to pay the duty on the tobacco. It was decided that Mr. d'Almada and Mr. Lloyd should discuss the matter and try to come to an agreement.

Mr. d'Almada said he visited Mr. Lloyd with witnesses, explained the position to him, and offered to tender the witnesses for cross-examination. Mr. Lloyd would not agree to that course of action. He asked Mr. Lloyd when the tobacco was seized, and he replied on December 28th, at 4 p.m. He went on to explain the misunderstanding through which the agent of the owners failed to attend the Court when the confiscation order was granted.

He submitted that the order had been granted eighteen hours after the tobacco had been seized, in spite of the fact that there was a claimant. He was quite prepared to proceed with the case, but he understood Mr. Lloyd wanted to get some witnesses.

The owners were liable to sustain considerable loss, as the tobacco was deteriorating. He had also offered a guarantee for the tobacco, but Mr. Lloyd would not accept it.

STOLEN KNIVES.

THEFT FROM BAND MESS.

The story of the theft of two table knives from the Band Mess at Murray Barracks, was told at the Central Police Court this morning, when a Chinese sanitary coolie was charged with the theft.

Bandsman John Dunbar Freeman said on January 6th, he brought various articles from the guard room to the Band Mess and placed two knives on a form, a short distance from the other articles. He then kept a sharp lookout and saw the defendant take the knives.

Private E. Hopper said he was asked by the previous witness to search the defendant, and, on doing so, he found the two knives, one on top of the box of ashes, and one underneath.

The defendant said he had been working at the barracks for three years, and had not taken anything. The knives were among the rubbish, and he did not know they were there.

He was sent to prison for one month, with hard labour.

AFTER TWO YEARS.

COOLIE ARRESTED FOR WOUNDING.

Arrested two days ago for an alleged offence which occurred two years ago, a Chinese was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Police Court this morning, charged with cutting and wounding another coolie.

Inspector T. Murphy said in January, 1924, there was a fight at the sugar refinery at Taikoo, and it was alleged that during the fight the defendant stabbed a coolie, who was detained in hospital for one month. The defendant, who was employed at the refinery, disappeared immediately afterwards, and he had only been arrested two days ago. He asked for a remand in order to make further enquiries, and a remand was granted until Monday afternoon.

OPEN COMMENT.

SHANGHAI CRITICISM OF JUDGE JOHNSON.

"A POLITICIAN"

In the course of a lengthy leading article headed "Judge Johnson's Obiter Dicta," the N. C. D. News states:—

When Judge Johnson, in the report, acts the judge of a court, he finds like the other judges; when he becomes the politician he wanders far afield and into a very dangerous field indeed. We offer no criticism whatsoever of his decision as a judge; we regard it as our duty to record his fallacies as a politician.

In Judge Johnson's categories from "a" to "y" he deals with all the questions before the Washington Conference, the Tariff Conference and the Extraterritoriality Commission. He deals with all the questions between Chinese and foreigners, with all the problems which are worrying us and vexing us and which we realize will, in the course of time, have to be settled and settled satisfactorily to China.

In categorizing these questions and in dragging them into his report, Judge Johnson offers nothing new or original. He can only be said to have created a depressing atmosphere in a country which he was sent to find a way out of.

He talks himself into a quarrel and embarrasses the Government which sent him as an expert in one matter by pretending to be an expert in all matters. He embarrasses his Government, because they are dealing with just such questions as he regards himself capable of settling through other agencies and other men. He usurps the work and the positions of Mr. Silas Strawn and Mr. MacMurray. In fact, one might even suggest that he usurps the authority of the State Department and the President of the United States.

This may sound like a very broad statement of the case and yet, it is not so often the experience of judges who wander beyond their terms of reference or the issues before them to discuss what may be so, but of which they have not taken the trouble to find out whether it is indeed so.

Had Judge Johnson's judicial report been different from what it is, had he laid the blame for the entire episode on the foreigners, had he ordered the police to be flayed alive, had he recommended dire punishment for all the foreign officials of Shanghai, we should not have raised one word of opposition.

We realized that such a cataclysmic movement is the result not of one episode but of much ill-feeling on all sides and we hoped for some happy solution which would restore all of us to a state of friendship of neighbourliness. Whatever, then, Judge Johnson and the other two judges had to say with regard to May 30 would have met with the ready acquiescence of all foreigners in Shanghai, but no one expected that such an important report would be utilized as a political document to the embarrassment of all.

GREEK DEBT TO U. S.

CERTAIN CURIOUS CLAIMS.

Washington, Jan. 7.

The Treasury has received a memorandum with regard to the Greek debt to the United States. It is recalled that a credit of fifty million dollars was extended to Greece during the war but that only fifteen million dollars were advanced. The Greeks believed they ought to have had the whole credit and have now developed certain claims which must be smoothed out before funding arrangements can be reached.

NEW AMBASSADOR.

M. BERENGER'S TASK IN AMERICA.

Paris, Jan. 7.

The newspaper freely comment on the departure of M. Berenger, the new Ambassador to the United States.

Le Matin says the new Ambassador does not wish at any price to begin again the trying experiences of September and to diminish the chances of an understanding by hastening the negotiations. He will resume the pourparlers on the points already attained, namely the reduction of the debt in principal to four milliard dollars. There remains to be fixed the amount of interest as well as the drawing-up of the schedules of annuities.

The Figaro states that the report of Mr. Mellon gives testimony of an evolution of the American spirit. The task will be easier, but the mobilisation in America of a portion of the German railway debentures is still causing technical objections and inferences, according to explicit declarations by experts, the securing of the equilibrium of the French budget.

La Journal says that America, simply for the sake of her industrial equilibrium, wishes to increase her exports to Europe, and she should moderate her financial exigencies in order to augment the purchasing power of the debtors.

Before leaving Paris, M. Berenger declared that "the relations of friendship and confidence between the two countries will be for me the guiding light. Through sincerity and confidence the problem can first be cleared and then solved? I am embarking in the spirit of collaboration and fairness."—Indopacific.

EXPORTING MONEY.

CHINESE FINED \$100.

A charge of attempting to export \$1,000 to Macao was preferred against an elderly Chinese, before Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Central Magistracy, this morning.

It was stated that the defendant, who is a native of Hongmoon, was stopped on the wharf last night, as he was boarding the Macao steamer. On being searched, the money was discovered, and the defendant said he was not going to Macao, but wanted to see a relative on board, to entrust him with something.

The defendant repeated his story in Court, and when he was asked what it was that he was going to entrust to his relative, he replied that it was a message to give to his people in the country, about his being detained in Hongmoon.

A fine of \$100 was imposed, the amount to be taken out of the \$1,000, and the balance to be returned to defendant.

GERMAN BOOM.

RUMOURS OF AMERICAN MONEY.

Berlin, Jan. 7.

There is a boom on the Stock Exchange, a considerable rise in all quotations, especially mining shares, having resulted from news that American banking firms are showing great interest in the shares of German companies and that a number of German and American Banks have formed a syndicate in New York for the purpose of investing considerable capital in German companies hoping to reap good profit from the present low quotations on German Stock Exchanges. The Darmstadt Bank Warburg of Hamburg and two private Banks in Cologne are mentioned as being among parties.

THE STRIKE SETTLEMENT.

STRIKERS MUST CONSULT CANTON GOVERNMENT.

CHANG KAI-SHEK'S VIEWS.

There has been much speculation locally as to what attitude General Chang Kai-shek, the victorious leader of the Whampoa Cadets in recent military operations, would adopt in relation to the settlement of the strike and boycott on his return to Canton.

News is now to hand that he has expressed his opinions on the matter, and those are to the effect that the matter is one which must be settled by the strikers themselves, although they must take no action excepting with the approval of the Canton Government.

It is reported that shortly after General Chang's return to Whampoa, he was met, by appointment, by Mr. Yu Pun-son, whilst Mr. Wang Ching-wai and Dr. C. C. Wu were also present. Mr. Yu Pun-son is one of the representatives of the Hongkong merchants and has taken a very prominent part in the endeavour to reach a settlement of the strike. While all other representatives have returned to Hongkong, he remained behind so as to be in touch with the Government authorities and the Strike Union. At an interview which he had with General Chang, it is reported that the latter said he was a soldier and must confine himself to the duties of a soldier, but if the strike should involve the intervention of the military, it would be his supreme duty to defend the country and protect the people.

"As to my private opinion in the matter, I consider that the settlement of the strike rests with the strikers. However, I hold that the action of the strikers must be guided by the policy of the Government and that the approval of the Government must be obtained before taking any action. This, I consider, is the proper course for the Strike Union to pursue, and no other.

Regarding the opening up of Whampoa as a commercial port, I heartily endorse the project. Not only from a commercial and economic point of view, but also from a technical military point it is a matter of necessity."

The general consensus of opinion in Canton appears to be that the time is most opportune for the settlement of the strike, in view of the fact that there are so many Overseas Chinese, who are representatives of the Kuomintang, in Canton to attend the general meeting of that political party, whose opinions on the matter would be of great assistance in the solution of this problem.

GENERAL CHANG GETS BUSY.
Since his return to Canton, General Chang Kai-shek has been showing much activity. He first visited the headquarters of the Garrison Commandant, where he is said to have found the expenditure out of all proportion to the efficiency of the work done. In the item of secret service, it is said, the amount spent during his absence to the front was out of all proportion to the results obtained. As a result, General Chang is said to have degraded the Chief of the Staff and appointed the Assistant General Officer commanding the 2nd Division of the 1st Army Corps in his stead, whilst many other changes were made with a view to economy.

At a meeting of the officers of the Garrison, held for the purpose of discussing measures to ensure public peace in the city, General Chang is said to have remarked that the tendency of the officers and men is to join parties or cliques, which is not to their advantage or their welfare, since loyalty is the only basis of a successful army.

INVITATION TO MR. TANG SHAO-YI.
It is reported that the representative of Mr. Tang Shao-yi, having completed his mission to the Canton Government, left Canton for Shanghai on the 5th inst. It is said that the representative took with him letters from all the prominent officials inviting Mr. Tang to come to Canton to take a hand in the direction of affairs of the Government and the Kuomintang.

A telegram has been received in Canton stating that Mrs. Sun Yat-sen, Messrs. Sun Fo, Wu Te-ching and Chang Ching-kong left Shanghai on the 5th inst., and that Staff Officer Ma Shiang has been deputed to go to Hongkong to welcome them on their way to Canton. It is stated that the arrival of these prominent Kuomintang members is an indication that the recent split in the party will possibly be

OFFICIALS WELL GUARDED.
Reports from Canton state that since the New Year, special precautionary measures have been taken by the Garrison Commandant and the Police Department in guarding the residences and persons of Mr. Wang Ching-wai and M. Borodin. It is said that thirty extra guards have been stationed at the residence of Mr. Wang and besides extra guards ten detectives have been detailed off for duty day and night at the residence of M. Borodin. Previously M. Borodin went about the city unattended, but now six bodyguards are in attendance on him. Furthermore, extra guards have been sent to protect the residences of Fan Ping-shan, Chan Kiung-pok and Kuni Nat-kwong.

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Last evening the Chinese friends of the Hon. A. G. M. Fletcher, C. M. G., C. B. E., entertained him at a farewell dinner at the Yee Wo restaurant. The gathering was large and representative, about 150 people sitting down to dinner. The chair was occupied by the Hon. Sir Shou-sun Chow, who offered the guest of the evening all good wishes, bade him God speed in a charming speech, and presented him with a hand-some gold and jade necklace for Mrs. Fletcher.

Mr. Fletcher sat on the Chairman's right and Vice Admiral Sir Alexander Sinclair, K. C. B., M. V. O., on his left. Others seated at the main table were the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, Mr. Ho Kwong, the Bishop of Victoria, Col. Russell Brown, D. S. O., Dr. S. W. T'so, Mr. Wong Kwong-in, Commodore A. J. B. Stirling, C. B., Sir Henry Gollan, K. C., Mr. Ma Tsui chui and Mr. Lee Yau-chuen.

The Chairman proposed the loyal toast and Mr. Fletcher the toast of the Republic of China.

Sir Shou-sun Chow's Speech.

Sir Shou-sun Chow, in proposing the toast of the guest of honour, said: Mr. Fletcher, Your Excellencies, Mr. Lord Bishop and gentlemen, — Mr. Fletcher, staggering under the heavy load of the eulogies and encomiums that have been showered on him by all classes of the community during the last few days, has asked me not to add to his burden; and as I am a good-hearted man I am going to let him off as lightly as I can. And so, gentlemen, you will not have the pleasure of listening to the long and beautiful oration which I had at first intended to prepare. Mr. Fletcher's Chinese friends are assembled here this evening to testify to him, and through him, to Mrs. Fletcher their great esteem and admiration, on the eve of their departure for Ceylon. His promotion to the high office of Colonial Secretary of the most important Crown Colony in the British Empire, has given gratification to all his friends, because it is a promotion that is universally regarded as being well-deserved. Those who know him feel that high as his new office is, yet higher preferment will assuredly come to him, for a man of his singular ability, rare tact, and inexhaustible energy is bound to get to the top in any walk of life. (Applause.)

Characteristics.

Two of his outstanding characteristics are moral courage and broad outlook—qualities which stamp him as a leader of men. I was sometimes so struck with his capacity for business that I told myself what a great captain of industry the commercial world had lost in him. At other times his quickness of perception and his ability to see all sides of a question so impressed me that I thought what a fine soldier he had been lost to our gallant army. However, what has been a loss to Commerce and to the Army has been a gain to the Government of Hongkong, to which Colony he has rendered great good service. He is, by all consent, one of the best officials whom our splendid Cadet Service has produced; and for this reason we greatly deplore losing his services, especially in these trying times when his administrative ability and almost unrivalled experience of the

Colony would be of immense value to us.

A Staunch and Loyal Friend.

Speaking personally for the Hon. Mr. Kotewall and myself we find him a staunch and loyal friend, and a considerate colleague whose collaboration has always been congenial, and whose advice, invaluable. Gentlemen, parting is a sad affair, but in this case I refuse to regard it as in any way permanent. Mr. Fletcher goes away to take the responsible duties recently laid down by our esteemed Governor, and it is within the bounds of probability that he will one day come back to us to assume the high office which Sir Cecil Clementi is filling to-day. We are not, therefore, saying 'good-bye' to Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, but 'au revoir.' (Applause.)

God Speed and Success.

Mr. Fletcher, I would now, on behalf of the hosts of the evening, ask you to accept for Mrs. Fletcher these small gifts as an inadequate token of our regard and admiration for her. Mrs. Fletcher, by her charm and goodness, has endeared herself to all those who have had the honour of her friendship or acquaintance. I ask you to believe that these are no mere words of conventional platitude, but are the expression of our innermost feelings. Claiming the privilege of old age, and now that she is soon leaving us, I do not mind confessing that I fell in love with her at first sight! To me she seems to be the embodiment of all that is good and winsome in a woman. We wish her and you, Sir, God speed, and every success in your new sphere of work, and express the hope that my prognostication may come true. Gentlemen, I would now ask you to drink to the health of the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher and his charming lady, Mrs. Fletcher. (Applause.)

The toast was enthusiastically honoured.

Mr. Fletcher's Reply.

Mr. Fletcher was received with loud applause when he rose to reply. He said he found it very difficult to find adequate words to express his gratitude to all his hosts for the magnificent reception which he had received. He thanked them for the very kind words which had been voiced by the Chairman. On behalf of his wife he wished to thank them most warmly for the most beautiful gift, which he knew she would cherish through the years in memory of the many happy days spent among the Chinese in Hongkong. (Applause.) He wished most particularly to thank them for the terms in which the Chairman had spoken of her. A few months ago he was sitting next to Sir Shou-sun Chow at dinner and he spoke to him (Mr. Fletcher) the happiest words which had been spoken to him in his life. He said, "I think you are a happy man to have such a good wife."

Happy Recollections.

He had many friends among the Chinese and he had such happy recollections of them and of Hongkong: fishing at Tai Tam bay, some of the best tennis of his life with Mr. M. K. Lo, whom he saw present, bridge, quiet dinner and long talks, and his great regret was that he had done so little to requite their abundant hospitality. He could only plead the very poor excuse, the burden of work. In the Colonial Secretary's Office they learned to shun late nights and live laborious days. (Laughter.)

Great Assistance.

They had been living through troublous days lately and he thanked them all for the most loyal work that they had performed on behalf of the Colony and the assistance

"THE JUMBLES."

SUCCESSFUL TAIKOO CLUB CONCERT.

Benefit for M1. Fund.

A highly successful concert was held at Taikoo Club on Monday. The Jumbles Concert Party from the Empress of Canada were in excellent form and provided a programme that would do credit to any music hall. A collection was taken at the interval in aid of the M1. disaster fund, and the sum of \$250 will be sent on to the Commander-in-Chief of the China Station.

After the concert, the Empress of Canada orchestra, provided splendid music for dancing, which was carried on into the early hours of the morning. The success of the concert was mainly due to the organising of Mr. Milne and to Mr. Barry, the pianist.

ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM.

AWARDS MADE TO LOCAL RESIDENTS.

Po Hing Fong Disaster Recalled.

Awards of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England have been made to the following for conspicuous gallantry in saving life at imminent personal risk:—Silver Medal.—E. Ralphs, assistant commissioner, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Hongkong. Bronze Medal.—H. T. Brooks, superintendent, Hongkong Fire Brigade; P. J. Condon, assistant, Hongkong Fire Brigade; Ghalam Ali Hyder, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Hongkong; D. Burlingham, assistant superintendent of police, Hongkong; R. B. Cargon, H.M.A.S. Brisbane; H. Brugs, scout master, Boy Scouts, Hongkong; P. Shields, pier porter, Rothesay.

they had given and he congratulated them upon the stern front which they had presented to the misfortunes which had come upon them through no fault of their own. (Applause.)

It would be invidious to single out names of those who had done so much good work but he must break the rule to select two names. Loyal Work.

The Chairman he had the pleasure of numbering among his dearest friends. He had seen many honours bestowed by His Majesty the King for meritorious service and judging from the standard of most loyal work and work of the greatest value, he knew of no one who had earned honour more than the Chairman. (Applause.)

Then there was Mr. Kotewall. (Applause.) He thought it was just 21 years since their friendship began, in the days when he went to the Colonial Secretary's Office and when Mr. Kotewall taught him the rudiments of his job. (Applause and Laughter.) He had seen much of Mr. Kotewall's work since then and no praise was too high for the work he had done in the service of the community during the stressful days through which they had been passing. (Applause.)

He would like to have mentioned other names, but if he once started he would not know where to stop. He sincerely hoped and believed that shortly there would set in a tide in their affairs which, if taken at the flood, would lead them back to fortune, and so he bid them goodbye. (Loud Applause.)

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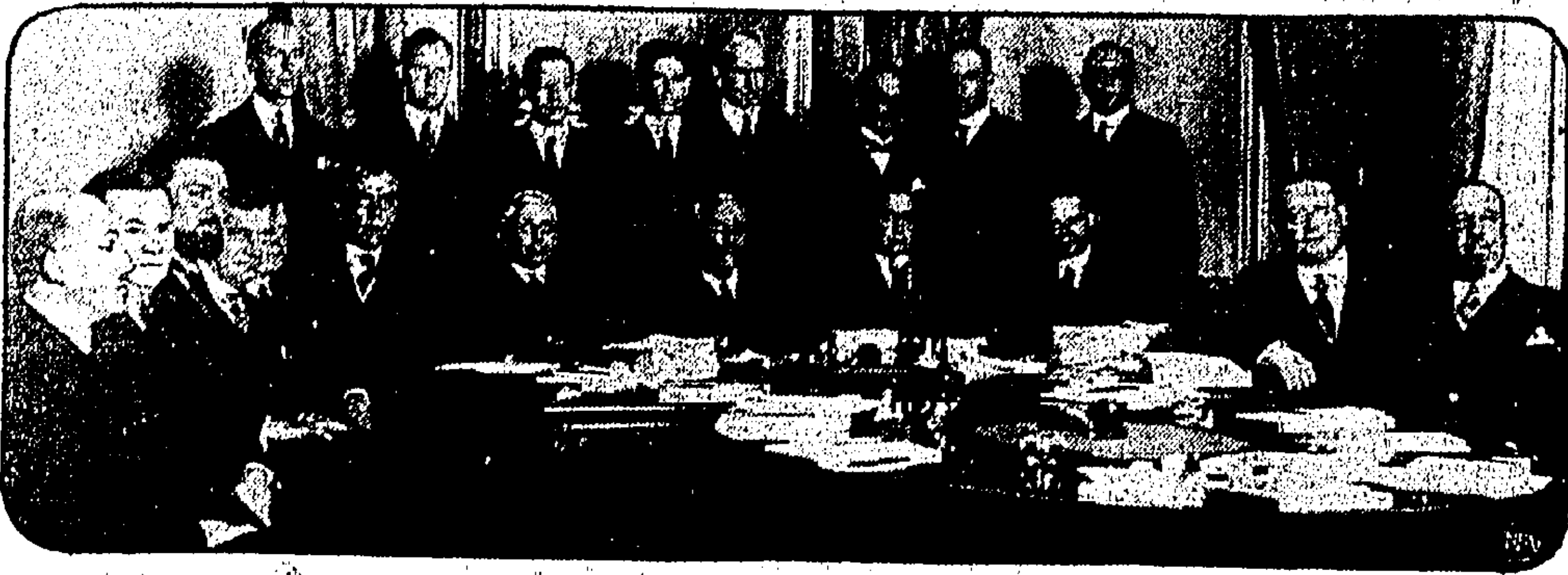
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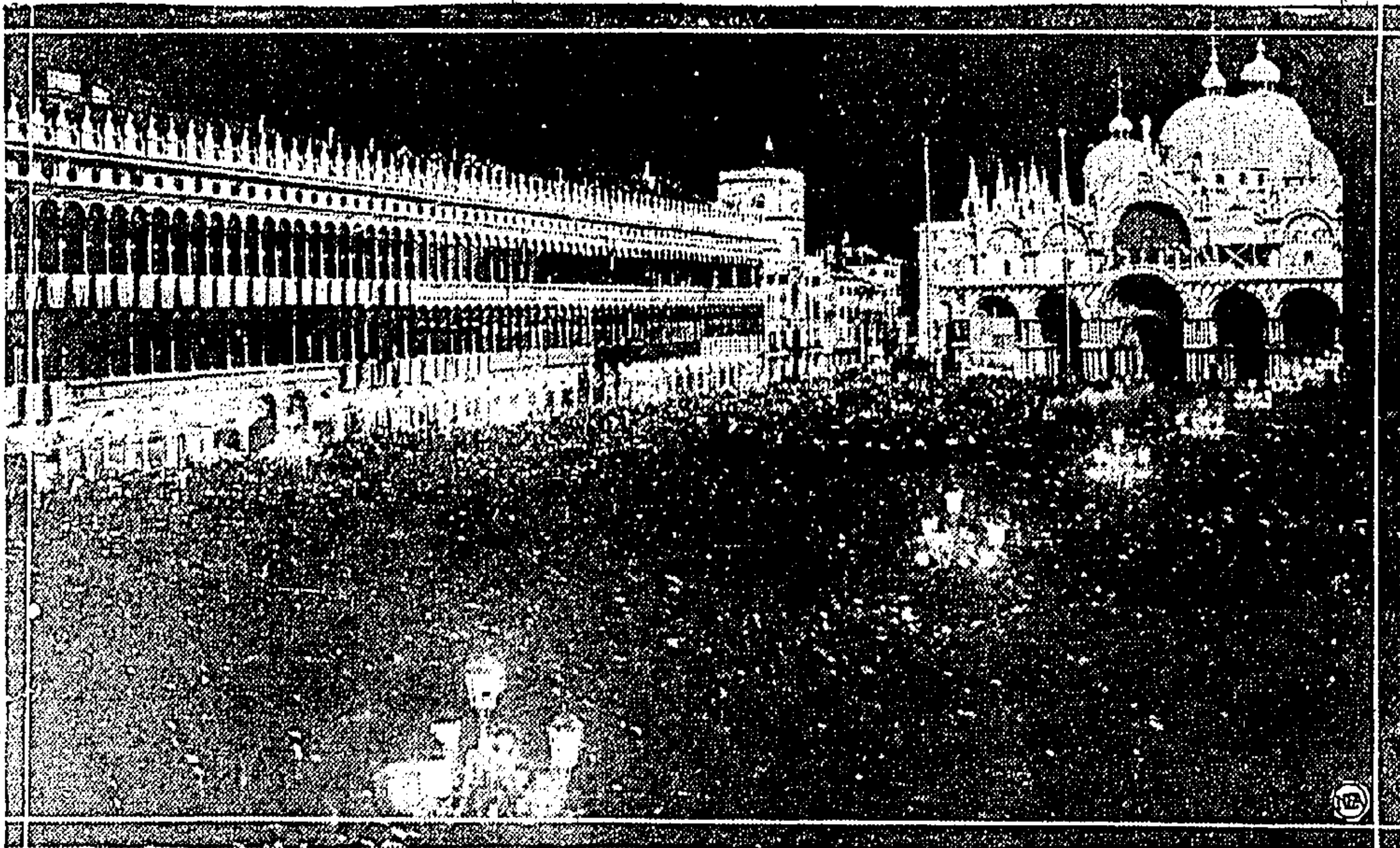


Meet To Discuss Debt Settlement.



The Italian Debt Commission meets with members of the American Debt Commission at Washington, in an effort to find means for paying the Italian war debt.

Venice Does Honour to Mussolini.



This wonderful scene by night was staged in the Piazza St. Mark, Venice, when the world-famed church and other buildings were illuminated in honour of Signor Benito Mussolini and to commemorate the Fascist march on Rome of three years ago.

A Pack of Jolly Wolf Cubs.



A smiling group of Shanghai wolf cubs, gathered round the "Fraser" Shield which they won at the Annual Jamboree, held at Millington Camp on Armistice Day. They are Cathedral School for Boys' Wolf Cub Pack. In the centre is the Lady Cub Master, Miss D. Meathrel.

Lizard Gets Over First.



Mr. J. E. Widener's jumper, Lizard, is shown leading his field over the final jump of the two and one-half mile Manly steeplechase, the feature event of the opening day at the Fimlico, Md., race track.

Brilliant Ideal



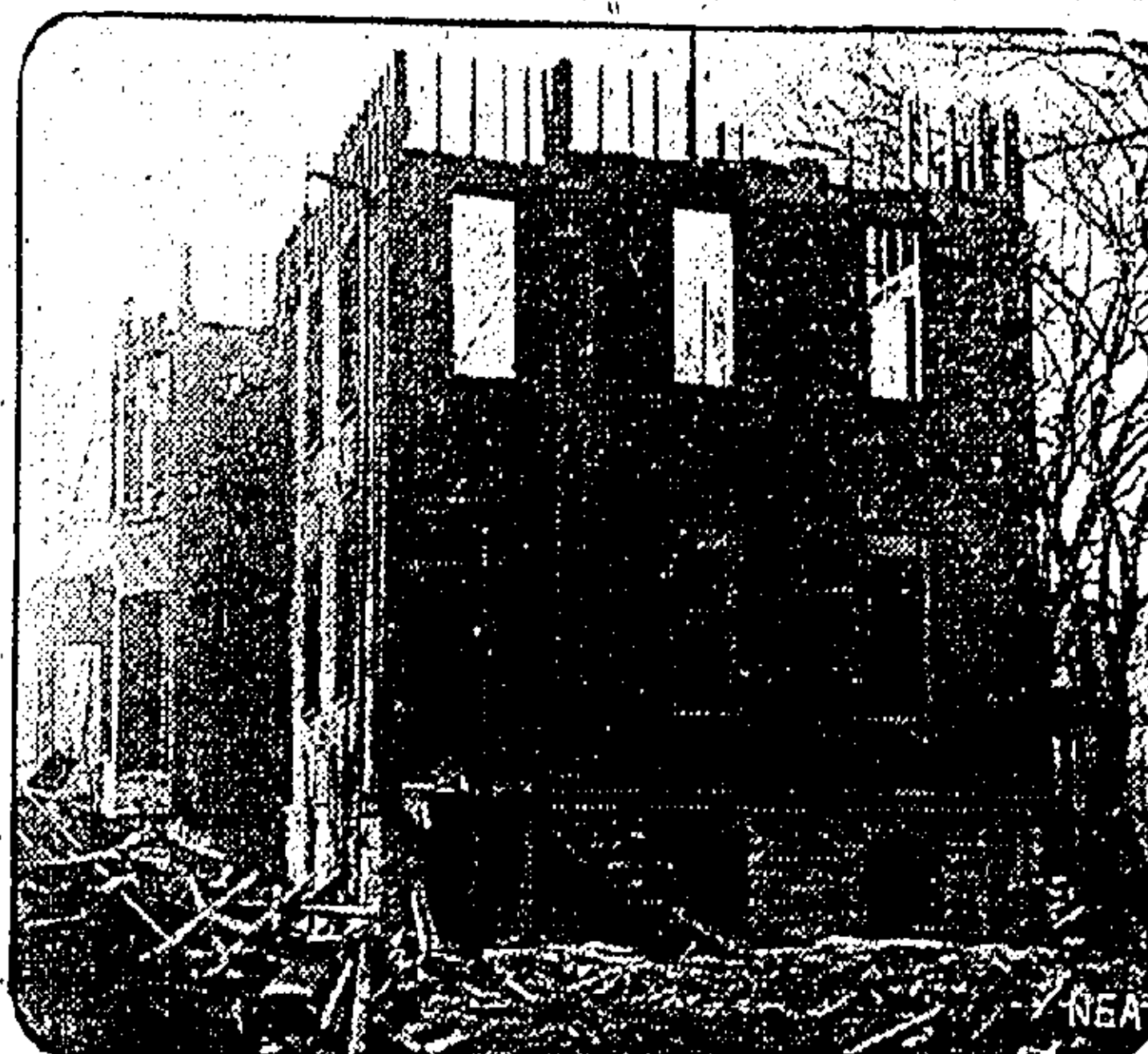
Mr. Charles Payne has a novel plan for ridding Texas of snakes. He'd have hundreds of thousands of porcelain eggs put in hen houses throughout the state. The snakes, he says, would swallow the eggs and die.

Hale and Hearty.



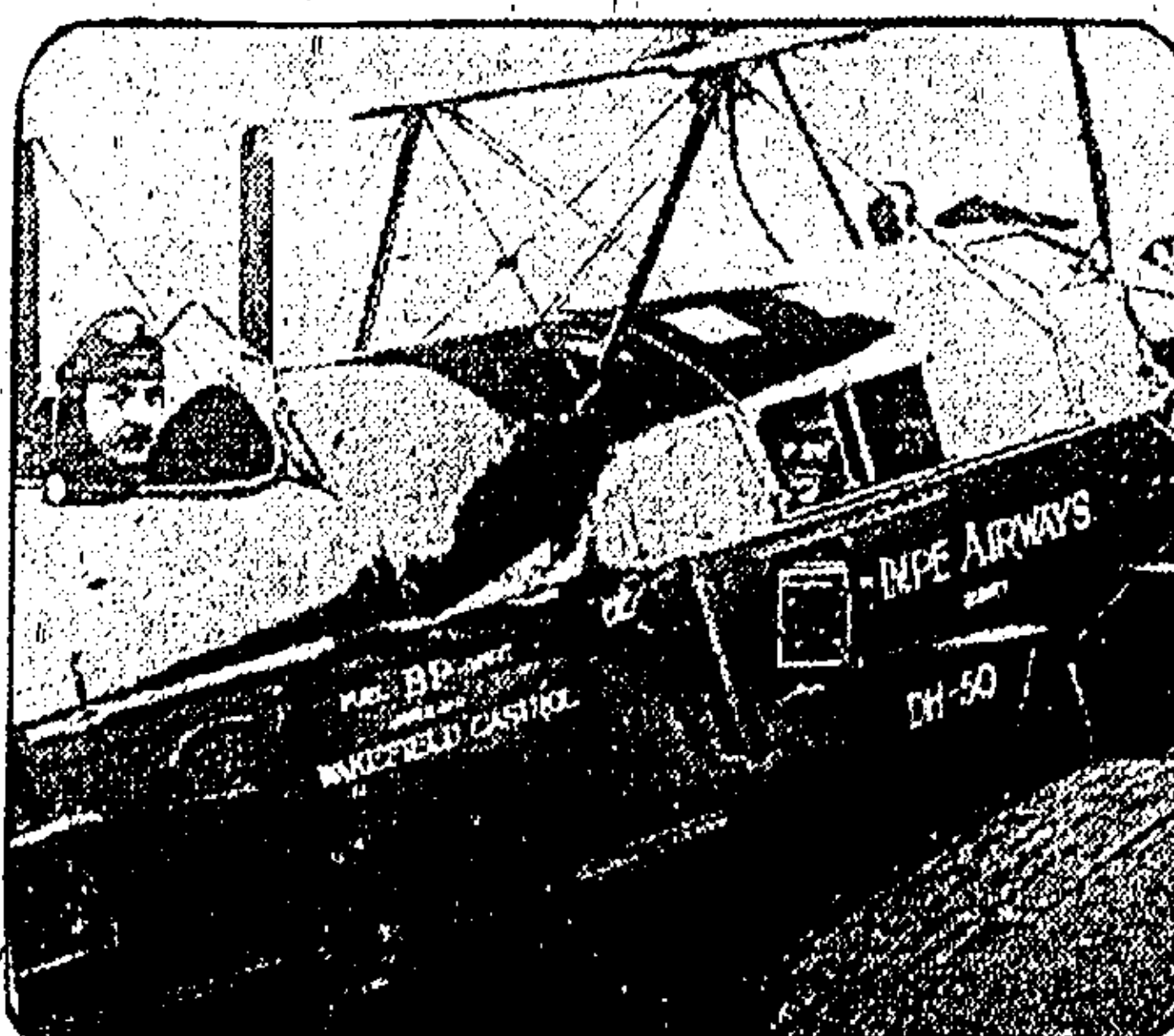
Mr. Hudson Maxim, famous author and inventor, recently celebrated his 30th marriage anniversary on a visit to London.

Students Celebrate Victory.



Northwestern College men in America went on a rampage to celebrate the record of their football team. They assaulted the mayor, defied police and firemen, and burned down the house above, an abandoned dwelling.

From London to Cape Town



This is the plane in which Alan Cobham, British airman, is attempting to fly from London to Cape Town. He has already reached the Sudan.

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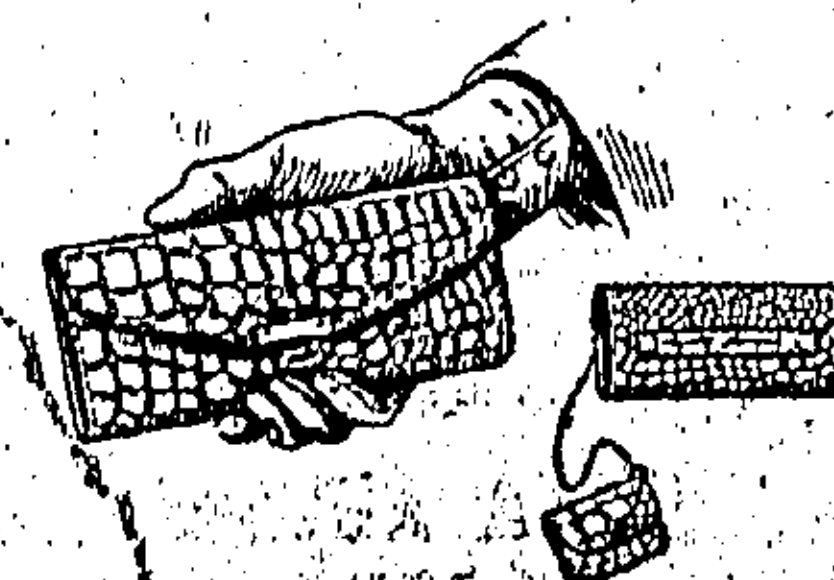
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Entries CLOSE on Saturday, 30th January 1926.

L. S. GREENHILL,
Hon. Secretary.

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An Ordinary General Meeting will be held at the Guild Office Sailors' Home, West Point on MONDAY 11th January 1926 at 5 o'clock p.m.

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NOTICE

A meeting of members of the Association will be held at the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, No. 65 Connaught Road Central, on Saturday, the 9th January, 1926, at 2.30 p.m. sharp, to receive the report of the Executive Committee, the report of the Association's Architect, and to discuss the future activities of the Association.

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PETER WONG,

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Hongkong, Jan. 6, 1926.

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Bills of lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned Goods remaining unclaimed after Wednesday, the 13th inst. at Noon will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the Saturday, the 16th inst. or they will not be recognised.

All damaged packages will be examined on Wednesday, the 13th inst. at 10 a.m. by Messrs Goddard & Douglas.

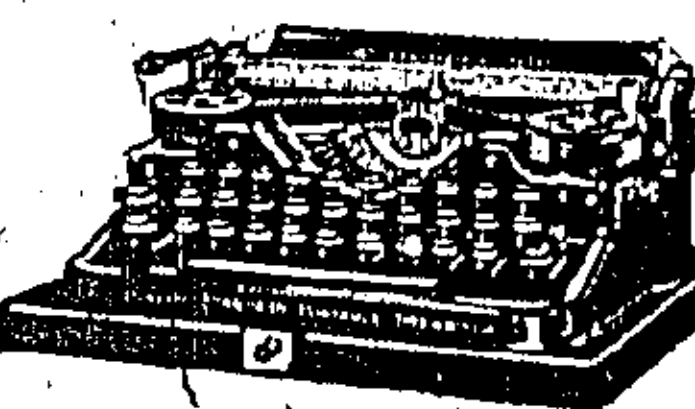
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COMMERCIAL TREATY.

CZECHO-SLOVAKIA AND SIAM.

Prague, Jan. 7.

A Commercial Treaty between Czechoslovakia and Siam is about to be concluded and will be signed in Paris. Negotiations with China are meeting with difficulties owing partly to the fact that some European governments will not accept the competency of the Government in Peking.—*Reuter.*

GERMAN POLITICS.

THE CABINET PROBLEM.

Berlin, Jan. 7.

Dr. Luther will be again charged with the formation of a Cabinet, although the Center and the Democrats desire a Coalition. The head of the Democrats, Dr. Koch, declared that the external problem dominates all the politics of Germany and that the differences between the Populists and the Socialists are insignificant.—*Indopacifi.*

CHINESE MURDERED.

FOUND IN NARROW LANE.

An unknown Chinese was found murdered last evening, between six and seven o'clock, in a narrow lane which runs between Wing Lok Street and the Praya.

The man, who had evidently been enticed into the lane, must have been struck by a sharp instrument, probably a hatchet, for he had two severe wounds in the head. He was unconscious when found and died some two hours later. No arrests have, as yet, been made.

BANKNOTE SCANDAL.

MORE HUNGARIAN ARRESTS.

Budapest, Jan. 7.

There have been three more arrests in connection with the French banknotes case, namely, M. Gerve, Technical expert of the cartographical Institute, M. Josef Szertsey, an official of the Hungarian National League, and a youth named Verhaffat.—*Reuter.*

A Coup D'Etat Planned.

Budapest, Jan. 7.

The newspapers are printing telegrams confirming the rumour that there are secret politics in connection with the affair of the false banknotes. It is said that the money was to have been used for a coup d'etat, and that the Regent, Admiral Horthy, was ready to yield his place to the Archduke Albert in case of success. The Arbeiter Zeitung alleges that the partisans of Archduke Albert had at their disposal 100,000 men and important depots of arms, but that the Premier, M. Bethlin, in spite of the fact that his wife belonged to the party of conspirators, decided to intervene. The Quotidien announces that the Hungarian Minister in Paris, Count Kiranyi, has left for Budapest.

The correspondent of Le Matin at the Hague, advises that the Hungarian Government has recalled the Ambassador there.—*Indopacifi.*

25,000,000 FRANCS.

Budapest, Jan. 7.

M. Geroe, in a confession, has declared that the paper used for the forged notes was supplied by certain employees of the Cartographical Institute who have admitted their guilt and been arrested. M. Geroe said that 25,000 notes of one thousand francs each were printed but some were faulty. He alleged that the notes were taken out of the vault by Prince Windischgratz.—*Reuter.*

MOROCCAN QUESTION.

SPAIN WATCHING NEGOTIATIONS.

Madrid, Jan. 7.

During the course of the Cabinet Meeting, Gen. Primo de Rivera expressed his satisfaction that Capt. Canning, who was Abd-el-Krim's envoy, had left Paris without having been given an interview by any member of the Government.—*Indopacifi.*

RIFIAN REPRISALS.

Madrid, Jan. 7.

Several of the tribes in Morocco who submitted recently, supported by partisans and aeroplanes, repulsed Rifian attempts at reprisals.—*Indopacifi.*

RIFLE SHOOTING.

A NEW EMPIRE COMPETITION.

London, Jan. 7.

A feature of the sixty-third annual prize meeting of the Nations Rifle Association, to be held from July 5 to July 17, will be a junior Kolapore competition for teams of four representatives from any Colony or Dependency in the Empire, excluding the Dominions and India, on the same conditions as for the Kolapore Cup.—*Reuter.*

U. S. AND DENMARK.

BANK CREDIT ARRANGED.

New York, Jan. 7.

The National Bank of Denmark has arranged a credit of forty million dollars for the year with the Bankers Trust Company of New York, to provide balances for stabilisation of exchange. The New York Federal Reserve Bank has advanced its discount rate to four per cent.—*Reuter's American Service.*

TUAN CHI-JUI.

RETIRING NEXT WEEK.

Peking, Jan. 8.

Tuan Chi-jui at midnight addressed a circular telegram to the provinces announcing his intention to retire from office on the 15th instant, when he will hand over the administration to the Cabinet.—*Reuter.*

HOLLAND ACCEPTS.

ARMAMENT CONFERENCE INVITATION.

The Hague, Jan. 7.

The Premier has stated that Holland has accepted the League of Nations invitation to participate in the preparatory conference on the limitation of armaments.—*Reuter.*

DUTCH FLOODS.

RIVER YSEL REACHES RECORD HEIGHT.

Amsterdam, Jan. 7.

While the Rhine, Waal and Meuse have fallen, the river Ysel has reached a record height. Thousands of people have already been rescued from attics and from roofs or dykes, but many are still awaiting rescue. Many victims have lost all their worldly possessions. Queen Wilhelmina has visited the military barracks at Ede where many of the flood victims, mostly women and children are sheltered. Queen Emma has contributed £200 for the relief of sufferers and £2,000 has already been received from Batavia.—*Reuter.*

IN FRANCE AND GERMANY.

Paris, Jan. 7.

The rise of the Seine is increasing. The service of the Station of Invalides is interrupted. A conference of interested services took place at the Ministry of Public Works.—*Indopacifi.*

Berlin, Jan. 7.

The damages caused by the floods are estimated at over thirty million gold marks.—*Indopacifi.*

WORLD COURT.

AMERICAN PARTICIPATION ASSURED.

New York, Jan. 7.

The action of the Senate yesterday, by a majority of 64 to 16 rejecting the resolution of Mr. Reed demanding an enquiry into alleged propaganda in favour of the World Court and the settlement of foreign debts, is hailed by practically all the Washington correspondents as a measure of the weakness of the opposition to the World Court.

New York Times opines that the resolution to participate in the Court will be carried by a two-thirds majority, with scores of votes to spare.—*Reuter's American Service.*

TYRE PRICES.

BIG BRITISH INCREASE.

London, Jan. 7.

As a result of "the continuous increases in the price of rubber" the British Cycle and Motor Cycle Manufacturers and Traders Union Limited, of Coventry, announce that as from Jan. 15, the prices of motor cycles and side cars will be advanced 10/- and 5/- respectively to cover the average advance in tyres which have been raised another 7½ per cent. on Jan. 4, making a rise of 42½ per cent. since the middle of May last.—*Reuter.*

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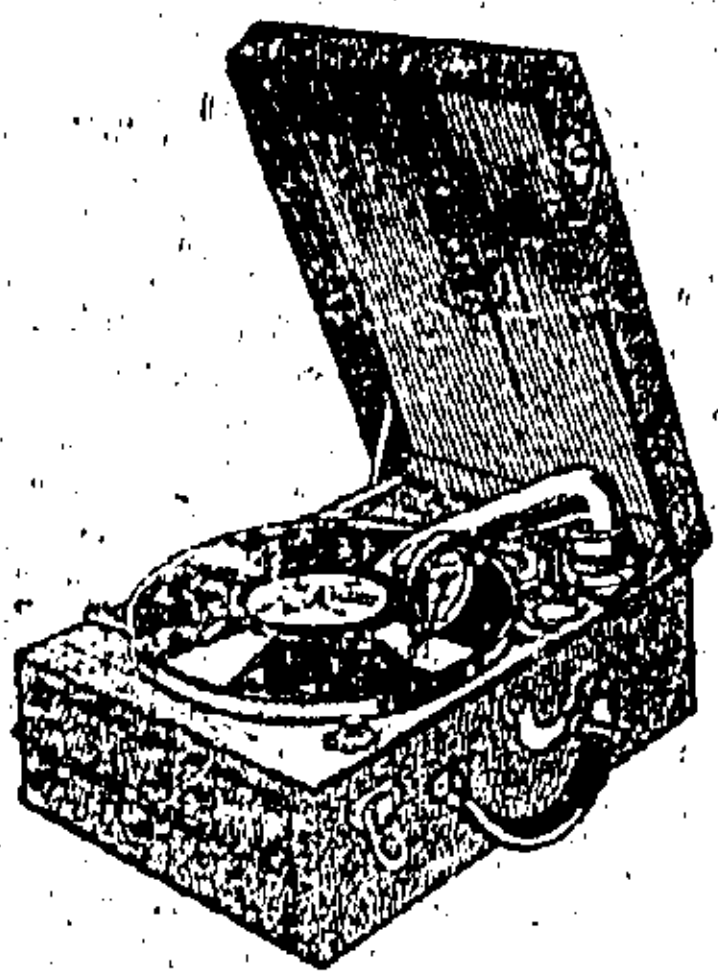
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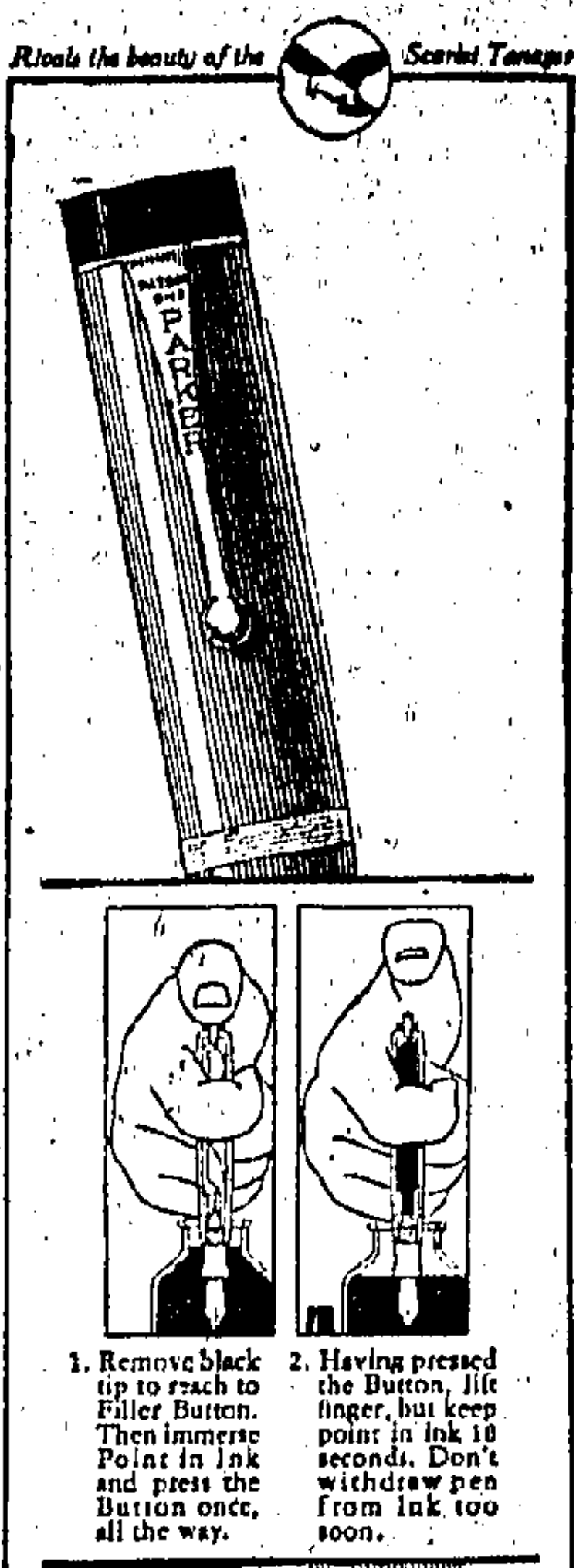
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ATHERLEY CASE.

THE CASHIER'S EVIDENCE.

Chung Ho-chi the cashier, was
called by Mr. Jenkin at the after-
noon hearing of the Atherley case
yesterday. He said he was a
shroff at Getz Bros. in March, 1924.
Given the book "B" he agreed that
under date March 5, 1924, there
was a record of 15 bags of old
newspapers sold for \$108.03.
There were entries of money re-
ceived for newspapers on March
6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 19, 24, 27, 28
and 31. Altogether there were 17
items and the total amount col-
lected was \$3,981.93. This amount
was paid to Atherley on April 1,
and a note added that it was to be
paid into the bank on another day.
He said he personally handed this
money to the manager. When re-
ceived, he kept the money in the
safe and he did that because he
had instructions from the taipan
not to pay it into the bank.

A Personal Cheque.

There was an item in "B" under
April 11 of \$2,000 received from a
customer. The bank paying in
book showed that \$2,000 had been
paid in on April 11 for old news-
papers, the payment being by a
personal cheque of the taipan's.
Under April 16 there was an
amount of \$1,949.09 and that
amount appeared on a deposit
slip. In the paying in book this
appeared in three items paid in
on April 17. The amounts were
\$64.93, \$1,140.50 and \$73.66.
Under date April 23 in "B" there
appeared \$1,140.60 received from
the Bluebird Company.

An amount paid in on April 1
of \$1,213.29 was a personal cheque
of the taipan's. On March 24 the
amounts collected were \$144.04 for
newspapers, \$307.44 from the Sui
Yick, \$769.61 from Bluebird and
\$567.95 from Wing On, a total of
\$1,641. This amount he paid over
to the taipan on the instructions
of the compradore. He went in-
to Atherley's office personally to
do this and he received an acknow-
ledgment of it. Several items
amounted to \$1,112.82 and this
sum he handed to Atherley and
got a receipt for. On the follow-
ing day various amounts were col-
lected, a sum of \$300 being paid
into the bank and \$73.60 being
paid to Atherley by him and for
which he also got a receipt.

Delayed Payments to Bank.

On March 28 he collected four
items; one, \$447.68 from the Chin
Sang Chan for newspapers, was
paid over to Atherley by him and
a receipt obtained. The remain-
der collected was paid into the
bank. The amount of \$769.61
from Bluebird received on March
24 was paid into the bank on
April 1 by a personal
cheque of Atherley's and the
amount of \$447.68 collect-
ed on March 28 was paid in on
April 1. The total amount was
\$1,213.29. Details of what it re-
presented were put on the paying-
in counterfoil but it was paid in by
a personal cheque from Atherley.
Asked to explain why an amount
of \$307.44 collected on March 24
was not paid in until April 7, wit-
ness said when collected it was
handed over to Atherley who gave
a receipt for it. He gave witness
a cheque for the amount on April
7 and told him to pay it into the
bank.

At this stage the case was ad-
journed until this morning, when
the examination of the shroff will
be continued.

HORTICULTURAL SHOW.

TO BE HELD THIS YEAR.

Interest in Gardening and the Effects of the Strike.

At a special meeting of members
of the Hongkong Horticultural
Society held in the board room of
Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and
Co., Ltd., yesterday, it was decided
to hold the annual flower show
this year.

The Chairman, Mr. J. A. Plum-
mer, mentioned the objects of the
meeting and frankly admitted
that he had some ulterior motive
in inviting not only members of
the Society, but members of the
general public to be present to
take part in the discussion.

As some of the members knew
a Society like theirs, which held
only one large function each year,
experienced a good deal of diffi-
culty in sustaining interest among
the members and the general pub-
lic. Every year a number of
subscriptions were lost owing to
people leaving the Colony or go-
ing on leave. It was often diffi-
cult to find new arrivals to take
their places and afford active as-
sistance to the Society.

Effects of the Strike.

The Chairman mentioned that
it was with the idea of giving all
those who took an interest in hor-
ticulture, and especially ladies, an
opportunity of coming forward
and giving their support to the
Society, that he had particularly
invited them to be present.

Unfortunately, Hongkong was
noted for its *laissez faire* procliv-
ities and he was sorry that they had
received such a comparatively
poor response to their invitation.
He was nevertheless grateful to
those who were present.

In considering the question whether
the show should be staged or
not, it must be borne in mind
that they were entirely dependent
on the individual efforts of mem-
bers to make it a success, what-
ever, in fact, they had flowers or
vegetables to exhibit.

The strike left many of them
without native gardeners for sev-
eral months during the summer
and early autumn, and in conse-
quence some gardens were either
very late or had been abandoned
for the time being.

Need for Co-operation.

On the other hand, he believed
the effect of the strike had been
beneficial in one respect, in as
much as it had induced many peo-
ple to take a much more personal
interest in gardening, instead of
leaving it entirely to the gardener
to produce what he could in his
own way.

This, to his mind, was a great
advantage, and led him to hope
that they would find a greater
number of people to take a keen
and active interest in the Society.
Personally, he would be very
sorry to see the show abandoned
this year, and believed if everyone
who had anything in the way of
flowers or vegetables coming on
would make it a point of honour
to exhibit, they would have no
difficulty in staging a successful
show. (Hear hear.)

The difficulty was to get every-
one to co-operate. "People" had
such a habit of saying their
flowers were not good enough to
compete for prizes or that it was
too much trouble to send their
exhibits along.

Accommodation Problem.

He hoped they would all make a
special effort if a show was de-
cided on, to induce their friends
to assist by sending exhibits, even
if they were not quite up to the
usual high standard of excellence.
Another difficulty the Committee

KILLED BY LORRY.

INQUIRY INTO DEATH OF A CHINESE.

Extensive Injuries.

A verdict of death from misad-
venture was returned at the in-
quiry conducted by Major C. Will-
son at the Central Magistracy yes-
terday into the death of a Chinese
named Tsang Po. The evidence
showed that the man was admitted
to the Government Civil Hospital
on December 26. He had a
lacerated wound on the fore-
arm while the front of his
left thigh was absolutely stripped
of skin. In addition, some of the
muscles were torn away.

Both bones in his left leg were
fractured, and in all, three opera-
tions were performed before the
man died on December 28. In the
opinion of Dr. Patterson, Medical
Officer of the G. C. H., death was
due to hemorrhage and shock fol-
lowing multiple injuries.

Other evidence showed that
when the accident occurred a lorry
driven by Tong Chiu was going in
a westerly direction along Queen's
Road West. The driver swerved
to avoid the man, but he heard a
cry and after stopping his vehicle
found the man had been knocked
down. Apparently the lorry had
skidded and the rear part swung
round, and struck defendant.

The jury, consisting of Messrs.
A. W. Hughes (foreman), Lam-
mert and J. M. Wong exonerated
the driver from blame.

had to contend with each year, was
to decide beforehand the amount
of accommodation likely to be
required. It would be a particu-
larly difficult problem this year.

He suggested that it might be
overcome by sending a circular
letter to members, asking if they
would exhibit and to what extent.
If the response was poor the Com-
mittee might feel justified in cut-
ting down the schedule, and hold-
ing a show on a somewhat smaller
scale. He hoped that would not
be necessary.

He formally moved that the
Society decide to hold the annual
show this year on a suitable date
to be fixed by the Committee.
Mr. L. Gibbs seconded.

The Discussion.

The Chairman said he thought
his garden was about a month or
six weeks behind. He hoped to
show a fair number of things if
a show was held.

Mr. Gibbs said he was strongly
in favour of carrying on as far as
they could. He did not consider
it worth while cutting down the
schedule on account of the strike.

The Chairman remarked they
did not want to stage a fiasco.
It was not like arranging a dinner
or dance, when it was simply a
matter of inviting people to go
along.

Mr. Ho Kom-long thought he
could promise fair support from
Chinese gardeners.

The Secretary supported the
general opinion of the meeting,
and the proposal to hold the show
was carried unanimously.

The Chairman announced the
annual meeting would take place
in about a fortnight. The date
of the show would be decided upon
by the new committee. He thought
it would probably be held either
the second or third week in March.

Those present were: Mr. J. A.
Plummer (Chairman), Mr.
J. B. C. Hornell (Hon. Secretary),
Mrs. Dyer, Messrs. L. Gibbs, Lou-
Po-sien, Ho Kom-long (members
of the Committee), Messrs. K. S.
Morrison, G. M. Shaw, H. B. L.
Dowbiggin, T. H. King, Dr. Saun-
ders, etc.

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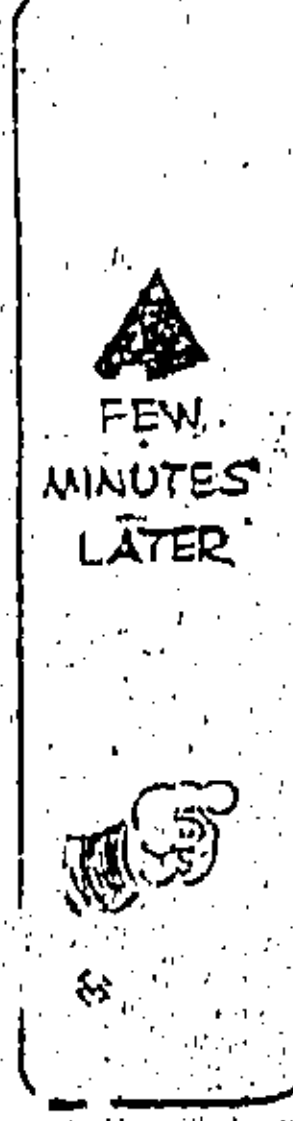
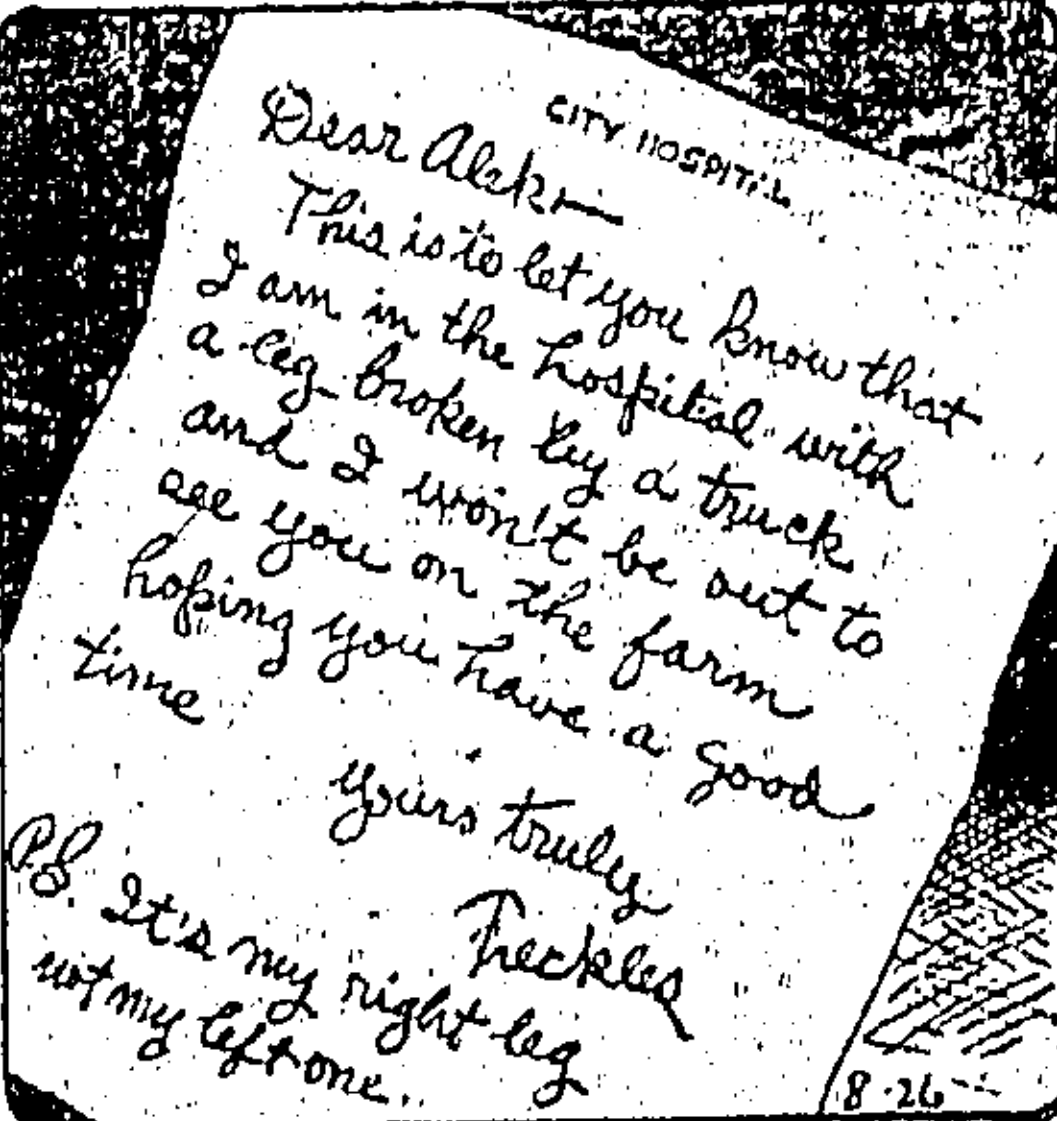
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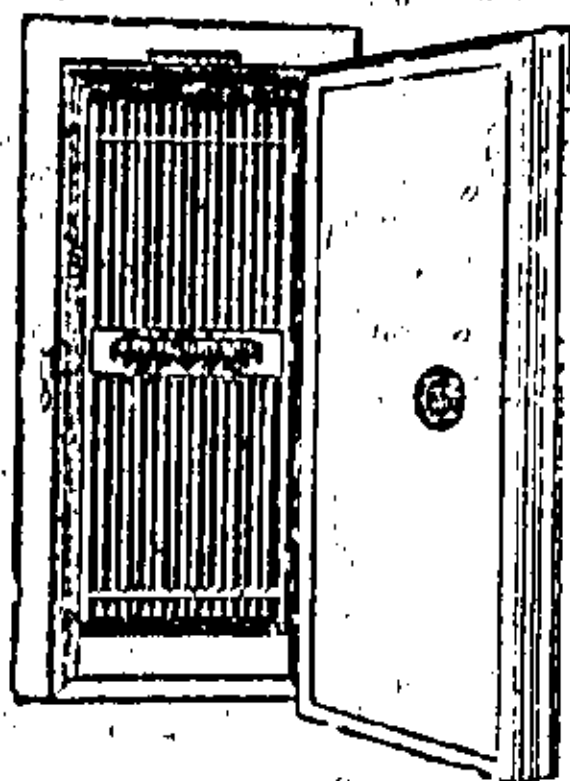
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The Telegraph.

FRIDAY, JAN. 8, 1926.

A MERITED TRIBUTE.

As was only to be expected, the Hon. Mr. Fletcher, at the reception given him at the Club do Recife on Wednesday evening, took occasion to refer to the loyal manner in which members of the Portuguese community have invariably come to the aid of the Government in times of stress. He asserted that the Government owed very much to the Portuguese of the Colony, laying particular stress on the services they had rendered during the Great War and in the strikes which have taken place since that time. This ready acknowledgment of help, willingly offered and gladly accepted, was very timely and we know that it is much appreciated by the Portuguese community.

Whilst residents generally are well able to recall the excellent work done by the Police Reserve in Hongkong during the war, there must be many to whom it will come as news that during its lengthy period of existence this body rose to a strength of some six hundred officers and men and was able to do much of the policing of the Colony at a time when large numbers of the regular Force were on active service. This was a purely voluntary organisation, composed of men who, outside business hours, gave their services to the Government. It was composed of British, Portuguese, Chinese and Indian contingents, all imbued with the desire to do their bit during those anxious days, so far as they were able in the particular sphere in which their lot was cast. In that Force, the Portuguese displayed the keenest of interest and it can be said that no section more enthusiastically entered into the duties attaching to membership of the organisation. Then, also, during the recent strikes, our Portuguese friends again rallied to the call of duty when it came, and they were to be found not only on special police work but also coming forward freely to offer themselves in connection with the maintenance of essential services. In fact, it can be said that there is no section of the Colony's cosmopolitan community more loyal to the cause of peace and good order than the Portuguese; they are ever ready to show their appreciation of the benefits they

enjoy under the British flag, and in this way they help to maintain the friendly relations which for so long have existed between Britain and Portugal.

All too seldom do we think of the essential and important part which the Portuguese of Hongkong play in the commercial and social life of the Colony. They fill a most valuable role in the sphere of business, and we know them to be citizens of the very best type. So Mr. Fletcher, when he took the opportunity to express thanks for what the Portuguese have done in helping the Government on innumerable occasions was not uttering mere platitudes. He spoke for and on behalf of the authorities, and we are sure that his words will find general approbation, and nowhere more so than amongst British residents, who know the true value of the large Portuguese community to the Colony.

Big Development.

The tremendous activity which is to be noted in connection with the development of the outlying portions of Kowloon and Yau Ma Tei gives the lie direct to any who state that the present stress has put a stop to the growth of the Colony. From Kowloon City to Lai-chikok—right along the foothills and in the area shorewards—there is a transformation scene being enacted which must be unprecedented in the annals of the Colony. Hills are being removed, low-lying plots are being raised, reclamations are being filled in, and houses are springing up in parallel lines which reveal a close conformity to a well-considered development plan. And the great thing about it all is the fact that it is Chinese enterprise which is largely responsible for the development. It is true that the Government is doing a considerable amount of work as regards road making and filling, but the building of houses and shops represents the investment of Chinese money, which is a fact of the greatest significance. Even in the small village of Chung Sha Wan, formerly just a knot of farmers' huts, there are now many fully grown shops and houses. It is some two or three years ago since the intensive development of all this New Kowloon district commenced, and there was a prophecy made that within a few years this portion of the mainland would be peopled by thousands of Chinese living on the new industrial undertakings which would be attracted to the district. It may be that the complete fulfilment of that prediction has been somewhat delayed by recent events, but it is undoubtedly certain that within a few years from now there will be one great and continuous township, industrial and residential, extending over the whole of the triangular area between Lai-chikok, Kowloon Point and Kowloon City.

Climatic Changes.

Extremes of climate are from time to time reported in various parts of the world, and it may be there is intense cold, or a heat wave, or excessive rain and flooding. This winter has been characterised already by unusual differences of weather, and severe gales and heavy rainfall have been reported recently from a large part of western Europe, with disastrous floods in Holland, Belgium and France. There was a prediction not long ago, by certain eminent scientists, that the 1925-1926 winter would be an unusual one—probably the coldest for nearly a century. They put this down to a cycle, when apparently the earth returns to a position, in relation to the sun, appropriate for intense extremes. Investigations have proved that these periodic cycles are no mere theory; and seemingly there are many of them, of varying length of time. The greatest cycle of all probably runs into many centuries, and accounts for vast climatic changes the evidence of which survives in geological remains. Thus Iceland was at one time much warmer than it is now, and several hundred years ago was a comparatively well-populated and pleasant country. Another interesting fact is that the world, though its core is presumed to be molten but gradually cooling, is warmer so far as surface climate goes than it was thousands of years ago, at the dawn of man's history. Geologists can show us that ice once covered the British Isles, and that Polar winter con-

DAY BY DAY.

THE BLUE OF HEAVEN IS
LARGER THAN THE CLOUD.—
Browning.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 4.9/16d.

A Chinese case of diphtheria was reported on Wednesday.

Madame Sun Yat-sen arrived here yesterday by the S.S. President Lincoln.

The Observatory forecast for to-morrow is: N.E. winds, moderate to fresh; fair.

The P. & O. s.s. Kalyan, from Hongkong, arrived in London on the 6th January, at 9 a.m.

Stan Hill's football cartoon appearing in to-morrow's *Telegraph* will deal with the Club v. South China match.

The S.S. St. Albans, with the Australian mails, left Manila on the evening of the 5th instant, and is due here to-morrow morning.

Amongst the passengers who returned by the President Lincoln yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Leach, and Mr. George A. Walker.

Major L. Cassel, O.B.E., and Mrs. Cassel, who are on a visit to the Colony, are staying with the Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer at 275, The Peak.

An advertisement appearing elsewhere shows that the Hongkong Philharmonic Society are seeking the services of an honorary Musical Director.

Major General C. C. Laard, the General Officer Commanding, returned from Home by the P. & O. liner Malwa to-day, having embarked at Marseilles.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. William Henry Bowler, of Wellington Barracks, to Miss Lily Mary Anne Peachman, residing at No. 371, The Peak.

Among the passengers due to arrive on the Hakone Maru, which left London on December 3, are Dr. V. Early, Mr. H. Hampton, Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Hughes and child, Mr. R. Rennett, Mr. G. G. Wood.

Passengers leaving by the Empress of Asia to-day included Mr. P. A. Cox, Mr. A. H. Lay, Mr. J. L. MacPherson, Mr. P. W. Massey, Mr. C. E. Peacock, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Proulx and Mr. R. R. Roxburgh.

Eight arrivals and nine departures constituted the movement of shipping in Hongkong yesterday. The total number of vessels in port this morning at nine o'clock was seventy-three, of which thirty-six were British.

A Harbour Office notification states that it is proposed to man the defence searchlights on January 14th at all Stations. The lights will be on from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. approximately and the lights will probably be operated once a week for some time.

Amongst the passengers who arrived by the P. & O. liner Malwa from Home to-day were Mrs. Potts, Mr. and Mrs. D. Austin, Mr. and Mrs. P. Todd, Mrs. A. H. Crook, Capt. G. Byers, Capt. J. D. Milne, Mrs. Ratley, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Mudie, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Lyle, Mrs. Porster, Mr. F. Marshall, Mr. D. Lyon, Major and Mrs. E. O. Alabaster, and Mrs. Gillingham.

From the Catholic monthly *Religiao e Patria* we have received a copy of its almanac for 1926, which is being distributed to subscribers and friends. It contains articles by His Lordship the Bishop of Macao, the Vicar General of the same diocese, and Mrs. A. da Luz, and amongst the illustrations is one of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, surrounded by her sisters. The design on the cover is the work, as in former years, of the late Mr. E. H. de Aquino.

Conditions prevailed in England. Once only a surmise, it is now accepted as a fact that the earth's axis cannot be constant, the "tilt" occasionally altering, but, very, very slowly. Most of us will be glad to know that it will probably take many centuries more to make a really big change in the general climate of the world—especially when it is remembered that tropical summers might actually grow hotter!

ATHERLEY CASE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

BORROWING IN ADVANCE.

Did you ever borrow money from the comptroller?—Borrow my own salary I have.

Did you borrow from him?—No. What do you mean by borrowing your salary?—Sometimes before due date I had advances.

Did your advances, sometimes run into months?—Sometimes I have borrowed one or two months ahead.

You never happened to borrow your salary a whole year before due?—No, never.

Questioned in regard to the comptroller books, witness said that the only books in which he made entries were the book Exhibit "B" and the Disbursement Book. He made all the entries in the book "B." The only entries in the Disbursement Book concerned commission of the comptroller, wages of comptroller staff and the expenses of the department.

Mr. Zeitlyn:—Were entries of loans to anybody made?—No; we only took acknowledgements.

Did many people borrow money?—Not outsiders; only the foks.

Were post-dated cheques cashed?—No.

Do you remember a book-keeper named Joseph?—Yes.

He left in February, 1923?—Yes.

His place being taken by a Mr. Humphreys?—Yes.

Advances were made to Humphreys and he left without paying?—Yes.

Whose money did he borrow?—It belonged to Mr. Wong, the guarantor.

The money was eventually paid by the firm as a special favour?—I don't know anything about the favour. It was repaid. I do not know who paid it.

After Joseph had left, did Mr. Atherley personally take charge of retiring drafts?—I do not know, I never took any interest in what was going on in the office.

Mr. Zeitlyn went on to explain that two days before promissory notes were falling due Atherley was handed a statement covering exchange in respect of the note. After several questions leading up to the point, witness agreed.

WITNESS ASKED TO WRITE

ATHERLEY'S SIGNATURE.

Mr. Zeitlyn:—Do you know Atherley's paying-in book?—Yes, I have seen it.

Who kept it?—It was kept by the manager himself.

A Chinese member of the jury here interrupted with a statement that the interpreter had not given a literal interpretation. He stated that witness had said "It was given back to the manager." Further questioning of the witness failed to make clear what he had originally said though he stated that it was in the manager's custody.

Mr. Zeitlyn, addressing his Lordship, asked whether it would be a convenient stage for him to ask witness to write several times "J. E. Atherley" and some figures.

Witness went to counsel's table to do so and Mr. Zeitlyn remarked that, curiously enough, although he had been asked to write J. E. Atherley, witness was writing J. E. Edward Atherley.

Mr. Zeitlyn then gave witness a smaller piece of paper and told him to write J. E. Atherley with a different "A" and much smaller. After this had been done, Mr. Zeitlyn and Mr. Atherley were seen to compare the signature with a document in Mr. Atherley's possession.

Witness was also asked to write "forty hundred and forty-seven" and in figures 303.64, and 14,404.00.

Mr. Zeitlyn said he would come to the point of getting those signatures and figures later.

A DATE AND AN AMOUNT.

Mr. Zeitlyn, (referring witness to Exhibit "B")—With regard to this \$1,949.09, was this paid on the 22nd?—I have forgotten the date.

Mr. Cheung, if you received a cheque for that amount, would it be entered in that book of yours?—Yes, if I had received it, I would enter it here (indicating the exhibit).

Did you do so then, when you had received a cheque for \$1,949.09 cents?—I have forgotten whether I have received it or not.

Let this be quite clear, if you have received such a cheque from the manager it would be entered in that book?—It is not certain whether it would be in this slip or not.

What would you do then, when

you received such a large amount from the Manager?—I would leave it in the safe if it was too late to bank it on that day.

But you ultimately banked it?—Yes.

Witness was asked to look through the counterfoils of the bank paying-in book for the amount, for the 22nd and subsequent dates, but he was unable to discover the amount.

Counsel:—Now, Mr. Cheung, I put it to you specifically that the Manager on the 22nd April gave you a cheque for \$1,949.09.

Witness:—I have forgotten. I put it to you that the cheque was in respect of I.O.U.'s and O.K'd bills?—Perhaps it may be so.

Take Exhibit "B." Will you turn to the date of the 16th April? Have you got collections for the 16th April in your book?—Yes.

From whom did you get that collection?—From Mr. Atherley.

You told us yesterday that you deposited against that amount a sum of \$64.53 in cash, a cheque for \$1,140.60 and another cheque for \$743.56, making this total of \$1,949.09. You said you deposited these sums against draft No. 23/1045?—Yes.

Why did you deposit that again?—Draft 23/1045, when in fact it was deposited against the three items?—I was told by the manager to do so.

Witness was directed to look up the entries for April 16th in Exhibit "B."

Counsel:—What were your total collections on that day?—In he is stated as being \$1,949.09.

From whom did you collect that amount?—From Mr. Atherley.

From whom was it shown in the books that the collections came?—There is nothing in the book to show where the collections came from.

His Lordship inspected the book and confirmed that there were no particulars except that it was entered against draft 23/1049 with the amount of \$1,949.09.

Counsel (to witness):—Did you say you deposited in the bank a cheque for \$1,949.09?—I don't see a cheque for that amount here.

Counsel was going to ask witness if a deposit was made on that day for the amount in question, when his Lordship, who was examining the counterfoils of the bank paying-in book, observed that he saw a sum and two different cheques given therein.

Counsel, in pursuance of his previous question, asked witness:—Did you make a deposit in the bank on the 17th April for \$1,949.09?—Yes, I did pay that amount into the bank on that day.

And you told us that you received \$1,949.09 on the 16th?—Well he gave me that amount on the 16th, but as it was too late in that day, I left it in the safe and paid it into the bank on the following day.

How was that paid? By cash or by cash and cheque?—Paid as stated here in the counterfoils.

How did your manager pay you back advances made to him, was it by cheque or cash, or by cheque alone, or by cash alone?—When I made the collections from the customers, sometimes they were paid by cheques or cash and the monies handed to me by Atherley were sometimes made up in cash or cheque.

How did Mr. Atherley pay you back? Did he pay you by cheque or by cash, or by cheque and cash?—In various ways. Either by cash or by cheque and sometimes cash and cheque.

I put it to you, Mr. Cheung, that on April 17th, or 16th, you have explained that you paid the amount on the 17th as the bank was closed—the manager never gave you by cash \$64.53, or cheque \$1,140.60, or cheque \$743.56, making this total of \$1,949.09?—He did give these amounts, the first in notes and the last two in cheques.

The Court at this stage adjourned for the fifth interval.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

WORKING OF PENSIONS SCHEME.

London, Jan. 7.
It is learned officially that 306,000 widows and children are hitherto benefiting by pensions under the new Widows and Orphans Pensions Act, which came into operation on January 1st.

The number of claims received is 148,000, and the pensions awarded 108,000. The applications rejected or withdrawn number 25,000, and the applications still under investigation are 84,500 in number.—*Reuter*.

BOXER INDEMNITY.

BRITISH DELEGATION TO CHINA.

London, Jan. 7. The Foreign Office announces that the British members of the Boxer Indemnity Advisory Committee, namely Lord Buxton, Lord Willingdon, Sir Charles Addis, Sir William Clark, Sir Christopher Needham, Professor Soothill, Mr. S. P. Waterlow and Dame Adelaide Anderson have held informal meetings to discuss the best means of carrying out their task with special reference to the changing conditions in China. As a result it has been decided to increase the Chinese membership of the Committee to three and to appoint a delegation of three British and three Chinese members of the Committee to meet in China and consider the whole question on the spot, to take evidence there with regard to various matters involved and to report its conclusions to the whole Committee. The British members of the delegation will be Lord Willingdon (Chairman), Prof. Soothill and Dame Anderson and they are going to China immediately. It is hoped that the full Delegation will be able to begin work by the beginning of March.—*Reuter*.

FRENCH SOCIALISTS.

OPINIONS ON GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION.

Paris, Jan. 7. The Committee for the wording of resolutions to be presented tomorrow to the Congress of the Seine S.F.I.O. has concluded its work. The motion in favour of Ministerial participation reads:—"The Socialist Party owes to itself and to the working class not to refuse this opportunity. By this decision the Party sets aside the appearances of defection towards the Republic and becomes the rallying point of all democratic elements of the country."

The motion against reads:—"According to principle, the Party refuses categorically to participate under any form whatsoever in Government arising from a Parliamentary formation which it has always condemned; declares itself ready to constitute a Government to be directed by it, which will have for its mission, even if it has to admit outside elements, the application of the solutions contained in its programme."

The Republican Federation is continuing its propaganda. The President, M. Louis Marin, spoke yesterday at Nice.—*Indopacific*.

"UNSELFISH SERVICE."

A DENIAL FROM BERLIN.

Berlin, Jan. 7. Official circles deny that the offer in connection with the Wilson Foundation ever reached Dr. Stresemann.—*Reuter*.

[A previous message stated:—The Trustees of the Wilson Foundation have decided to make no award for "unselfish service" in 1925, owing to a difference between the Trustees regarding the most meritorious candidate. The *New York Times* learns that it was decided to share the prize between Sir Austin Chamberlain, M. Briand and Dr. Stresemann for services at Locarno, but hints were conveyed to the Trustees that Dr. Stresemann would be unable to accept "because of the late Dr. Wilson's responsibility for betraying the German people."]

BY AIRSHIP TO THE POLE.

THE AMUNDSEN-ELLSWORTH EXPEDITION.

Oslo, Jan. 7. It is announced that the American explorer Lincoln Ellsworth, who participated in Amundsen's last Polar flight, will participate in the Polar expedition which is being organised, for next spring in the dirigible Norge, as joint leader with Amundsen.

The expedition will be called the Amundsen-Ellsworth 1926 Trans-Polar flight. Its record will be written by the two leaders in co-operation.

The expedition will be managed by the Norwegian Aero Club and sail under the Norwegian colours.—*Reuter*.

LATEST HOME PICTURES.



The Hon. Cyril and Mrs. Asquith (at back) with their baby daughter, Frances Rose, after her christening at St. Margaret's, Westminster. Standing between them is Lady Gwendoline Churchill, a godmother. On the right is Lady Oxford ("Margot"), acting as godmother for her daughter, Princess Antoine Bibesco. The children are Luke and June Asquith, the baby's brother and sister.



Baron Quarles Van Ufford, a Dutchman living in London and Mrs. R. C. Morrison-Scott leaving St. James's, Paddington, after their wedding.

HIRED CYCLE.

ALLEGED TRICK TO SHOW OWNERSHIP.

An ingenious method of trying to prove ownership of a bicycle came to light at the Central Police Court this morning, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, when a Chinese was charged with converting a hired bicycle to his own use.

Inspector Grant said he wanted a remand in order to allow him to make further enquiries into other bicycle thefts. It appeared the defendant hired a bicycle on January 6th, and was later caught when trying to pawn it. He produced a receipt which he had for the bicycle, which showed that \$40 had been paid for it at the Sun Company. On examining the duplicate receipts at the offices of the Company, it was found that the receipt was originally given for some vaseline which cost twenty cents, and the defendant had apparently erased the writing and filled it in for a bicycle.

The case was adjourned until Monday.

The s.s. Santhia, which left Singapore yesterday, is due here on the morning of the 14th inst.

RECENT SNATCHING CASE.

PRISON AND BIRCH FOR CHINESE.

Believed to be a member of a gang of pickpockets, who have their headquarters in Bridges Street, a Chinese was sent to prison for three months, and ordered to receive twelve strokes with the birch at the Central Police Court, for bag snatching.

As Miss M. Braga was walking down Seymour Road with a bag containing \$200, the defendant snatched the bag and ran away. Although he was pursued, he escaped. It appears he was forced by two other Chinese to give up some of the money, after which he went to Macao, where he spent the rest, and returned on the following day.

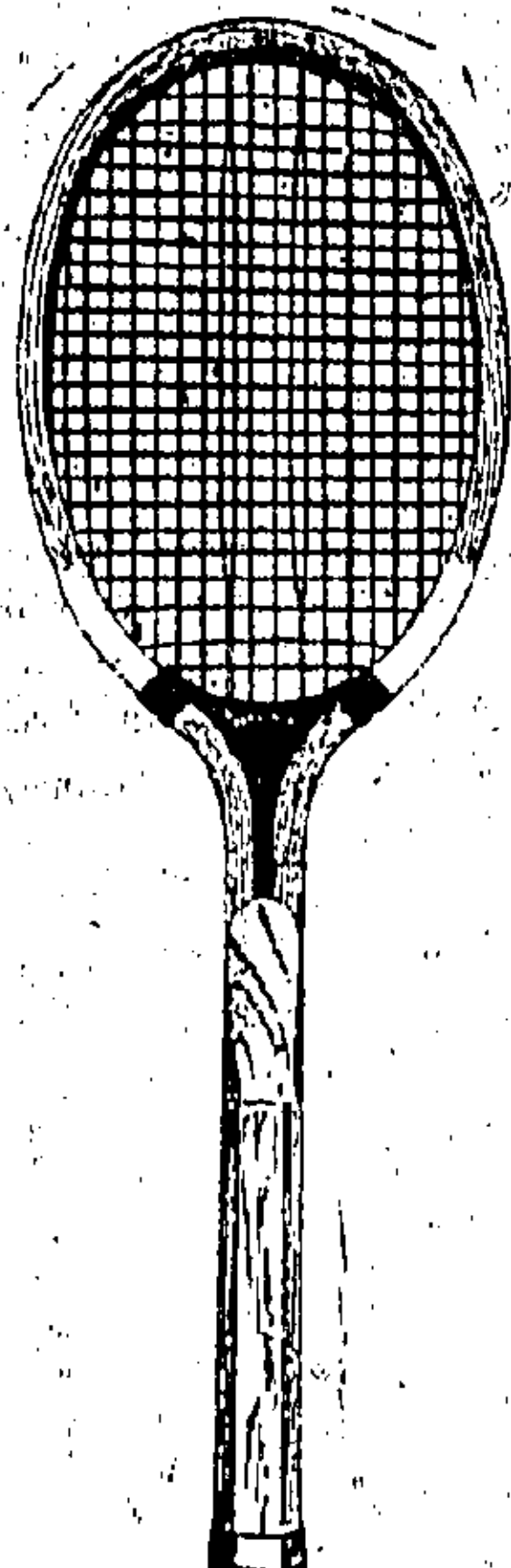
The defendant made a clean breast of the affair, and said he threw the bag into a dust cart.

It is learned that the Derby winner Manna's list for 1926 and 1927 is now full, and word has been received that one nomination for the latter year was applied for by Major Fetherstonhaugh, on behalf of His Majesty the King.

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PRESENTATIONS AT
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There was a large gathering of members of the Engineer Company, H.V.D.C., at Volunteer Headquarters yesterday evening, to bid farewell to three comrades who are leaving Hongkong shortly, and make them each a presentation subscribed for by the officers, N.C.O.'s, and sappers as a mark of the esteem in which the departing members are held.

In the unavoidable absence of the C.O., Capt. R. Melville Smith, who was indisposed, the presentations were made by Lieut. R. H. Skelton, who in a neat little speech referred to the fine service each of the recipients had performed—Mr. R. J. Tyler, their former acting Company Sergeant Major and recently their Quartermaster Sergeant; Mr. M. D. Coupland, one of their most efficient Sergeants; and Mr. R. H. J. Brooks one of their keenest members and the first bugler in the company. He then handed to Mr. Tyler and Mr. Coupland silver inkstands, suitably inscribed, and to Mr. Brooks a pair of binoculars in a case. He felt sure that the articles had a special appropriateness; in two instances they provided the means for the recipients to write and let their comrades here know how they were getting on, and in the third case their former bugler was going to sea and his binoculars should prove very useful. (Applause.)

Messrs. Tyler, Coupland and Brooks suitably replied, the first named reviewing the growth of the Engineer Company during the past three years to four times its strength, and calling upon the members to stick together always and to continue working enthusiastically in the interests of their unit. Three hearty cheers and the singing of "For they are jolly good fellows" brought the pleasant little function to a close.

Messrs. Tyler and Coupland, who are in the P.W.D., leave for Home tomorrow, and Mr. Brooks, who is the son of the Superintendent of the Hongkong Fire Brigade, is shortly going to sea as a cadet in the s.s. Gleniffer.

BULLION BY AIR.

BRITISH CARRIER FORCED TO LAND.

Amsterdam, Jan. 7. A message from Yumiden says that a British seaplane carrying a quarter of a million sterling in gold has been forced to land owing to a motor defect.—*Reuter*.

AMERICA AND RUBBER PRICES.

COMMITTEE MEMBER'S SCATHING CHARGES.

Washington, Jan. 7. On the resumption of the proceedings by the House of Representatives Rubber Committee, Mr. A. L. Viles general manager of the Rubber Association of America, claimed that the Stevenson plan was fundamentally unsound, and was largely responsible for the advance of prices. He said the possibility of the development of the production of rubber in Brazil, Mexico and the Philippines offered a degree of potential relief, but was an insufficient offset to the restrictions on new planting in British possessions. Representative Black assailed Mr. Hoover's activities, which he described as propaganda for rubber interests. "Here are these expanding tyre companies, just about to inflate prices, setting faithful Hoover on the British lion. They want an alibi to gouge the public, so that it will bark at the East-India rubber planter." Mr. Black asserted that the price of crude rubber was not connected with the increase in tyre prices. "Our committee will cry 'thief' at the British, while our business leaders will pilfer undisturbed."—*Reuter's American Service*.

POLISH FEARS.

GERMAN AND RUSSIA MILITARY EXPENSES.

Warsaw, Jan. 7. The press here comments strongly on the considerable increases provided for 1926 in the German Reichswehr Budget and of increases in the provision by the Commissariat of War of the Soviet. It is pointed out that the German expenses for armaments will be increased by over 300 million gold marks, and that the Russian military budget will be increased from 450 million roubles to more than 624 millions. This is "at a time when Poland is reducing her expenses on the Army."—*Indopacific*.

EUROPEAN EARTHQUAKE.

FURTHER REPORT OF TREMORS.

Luxemburg, Jan. 7. Rather severe earthquake tremors lasting for a few seconds were felt here and in various parts of the Grand Duchy on the night of Jan. 6.—*Reuter*.

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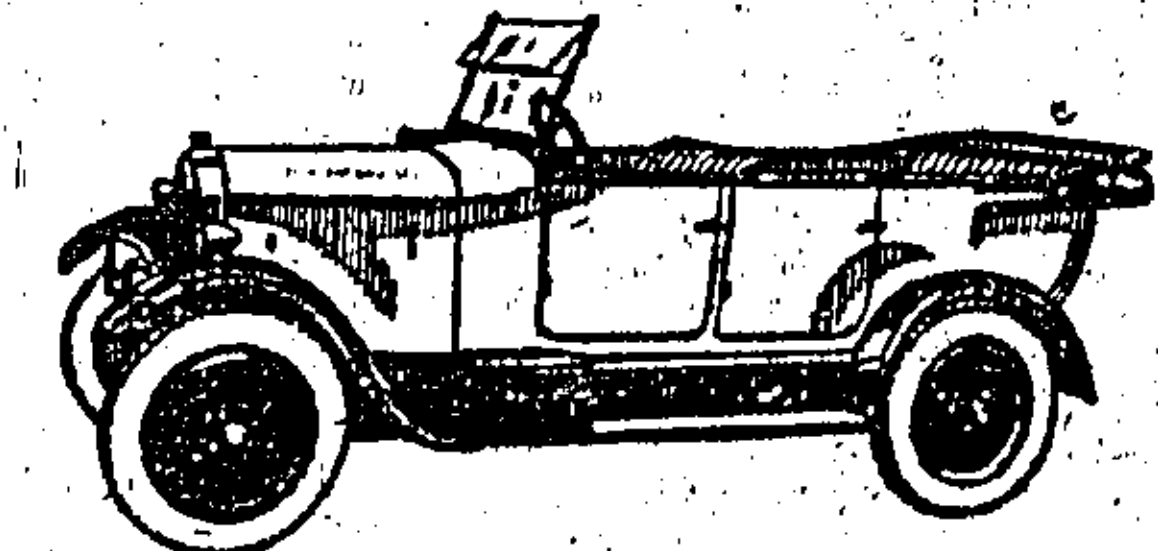
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TOKYO'S RECONSTRUCTION SCHEME.

The Tokyo Municipal officials are following their motto of "transportation first" in the reconstruction work, says the *Osaka Mainichi*. It was an appropriate act, in spite of various criticisms, that the city officials endeavored to furnish the citizens with means of transportation immediately after the Great Earthquake and started to operate the buses, in addition to the electric cars. Now comes the announcement that the 600 or more bridges which were partially or totally destroyed by the Quake-Fire are to be restored by the city in conjunction with the Board of Reconstruction. In addition, 200 new bridges will be built.

Transportation System.

In the wake of the announcement comes the news of greater importance in the improvement of the transportation system of the city. The Subway scheme, which took five years to plan and three years to get through the scrutinizing considerations of various officials, is now coming into the practical stage. The final draft of the plan was brought up in the Aldermen's meeting on December 2.

The new plan is the result of careful consideration of the traffic condition of the Capital City. Two plans were proposed originally. One was the V shaped lines and the other U shaped.

The first of the lines to be started will be either Ikebukuro-Susaki line through the centre of the city or the Shibuya and Sugamo line also running through the centre of the city. Besides these lines, Meguro-Minami Senju line, and Tsunohazu-Otsuka line are being contemplated.

The first line includes the difficult work of sinking a re-enforced concrete tube in the Sumida River, the work costing ¥2,000 per foot and also the settlement of some entangled questions in

regard to the route and the stations around Waseda. The second line also calls for much difficult work in building the Shibuya Station and constructing the subway around the Miyamatsuzaki and Akasaka-mitsuke, taxing the best ability of the engineers. The officials will decide which lines to begin first as soon as the bill is passed.

Subway for 41 Miles.

The cost of construction of the subway, which will extend for 41 miles, will amount to ¥187,000,000. It is estimated that the cost per foot will be about ¥600. The City will issue bonds for ¥240,000,000, part of which is to be used for subway construction. The work will take 13 years before it is completed.

When the whole work is completed, the residents of the capital will be able to reach the centre of the city walking less than one mile from any place within the city limits. The tram connections will facilitate the commuters to reach almost any place in the city in much better time than before.

Reconstruction of Bridges.

Up to December 1, 26 months after the great earthquake, 11 bridges in Tokyo were restored by the Reconstruction Bureau, and nine bridges by Tokyo City.

These 11 bridges connect the trunk highways of the Capital, the total cost of which amounted to ¥3,500,000, the Kanda bridge costing the largest, ¥500,000. There are 34 bridges now being restored and are expected to be completed next year at a total cost of about ¥6,000,000, with the Eitai bridge alone costing about ¥2,000,000.

There are 109 more bridges, besides those aforementioned, to be restored, preparations for which are now under way, and the work will be started next year. The Reconstruction Bureau estimates to spend altogether ¥40,000,000 for these 154 bridges.

The nine bridges restored by Tokyo City have cost the city about ¥1,100,000. The Shimbashi cost the largest with ¥240,000.

U.S. ALIENS.

150,000 NEW CITIZENS.

A total of 152,467 aliens were admitted to United States citizenship in the fiscal year ended June 30 last, the Naturalization Bureau of the Labour Department made known in its annual report issued recently.

At the same time, 277,218 aliens filed declarations of intention to become naturalized. While the number of aliens naturalized was an increase 1,947 over naturalizations in the preceding year the declarations of intention fell off 147,322 to the smallest number since 1916. No explanation was advanced for the slump.

Of the total number of aliens naturalized, Poland led with 27,134, or 17.8 per cent, with Italy a close second, with 26,137 or 17.1 per cent. The British Empire followed with 23,815, or 15.62 per cent, with Russia in fourth place, with 15,692, or 10.29 per cent. These four nations contributed more than 60 per cent. of all naturalized Aliens. Oddly enough, they are, with the exception of Great Britain, the countries which have the smallest quota laws under the restrictive immigration

The city is at present restoring 15 bridges at an estimated cost of ¥1,800,000, including the Takabashi, ¥260,000 and the Sannohashi, ¥240,000.

The city plans to rebuild altogether 250 bridges and has appropriated ¥5,000,000 for the work for the next year, and is anxious to complete them as soon as possible.

All these bridges are what is termed as the reconstruction style, of earthquake and fire proof. When the rebuilding of these bridges is finished, there will be about 800 bridges which is 150 more than the pre-quake days, and the authorities expect them to provide better transportation facilities.

regime.

Naturalizations ranged from those through 24 other countries down to Montenegro, a now defunct political entity, whose "men without a country" contributed 28 new American citizens, or .02 per cent. of the total.

Far more men became naturalized during the year than women, the respective numbers being 133,881 and 18,576.

Among recommendations of the Bureau for legislation were that the fee for declaration of intention be raised to \$5 and for petition for naturalizations to \$10, and that the provision of the law prohibiting the making of a declaration of intention within 30 days preceding an election be repealed.

In some jurisdictions, because of frequent elections, the Bureau said, "it is practically impossible for the alien to declare his intention at any time. In 1923, there were seven months in the year in which it was unlawful to do so." The Bureau just failed of being self-supporting during the year, expending in the administration of the naturalization law \$786,862.11, while taking in fees, \$743,836.54, a deficit of \$43,025.57. Last year the Bureau made a profit of \$17,996.87.

LATIN MONETARY UNION.

BELGIUM NOTIFIES HER INTENTION TO WITHDRAW.

London, Jan. 7.

Belgium has given a year's notice of her intended withdrawal from membership in the Latin monetary union, of which the other members are France, Italy and Switzerland. This action is the sequel to measures which have been taken for the stabilisation of the Belgian franc.—Reuter.

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Scions of British nobility are learning farming under the most ideal conditions in Alberta, and by ideal conditions is meant, practical conditions, where every chore on the farm is handled at some time or other by men born under some of the most famous titles of Britain.

They are doing this on Cottessmore farm, 25 miles east of the city of Edmonton, in the rich Fort Saskatchewan district. Cottessmore farm is owned and operated by one George Bridges Harley Guest, who happens to be the eighth Baron Rodney, descendant of the famous Admiral Rodney whose victory over the French fleet in 1782 saved the empire of the Britons from the Bourbons.

Baron Rodney himself, and Lady Rodney, have gone through the throes of life as hired help on an Alberta farm, and are not putting others through their paces on their own rich and fertile farm overlooking the broad Saskatchewan river. Believing that in this day and generation agricultural life in Western Canada is a proper pursuit for those of noble blood they are leading these young aristocrats along the right path by putting them through every known job on a well-run farm. They have with them this year, which is the second year they have operated this school in farming, Montague, son of Lady Farquhar, the Duke de Nemours, descendant of the very Bourbons whom Rodney's illustrious ancestor helped to defeat, and others.

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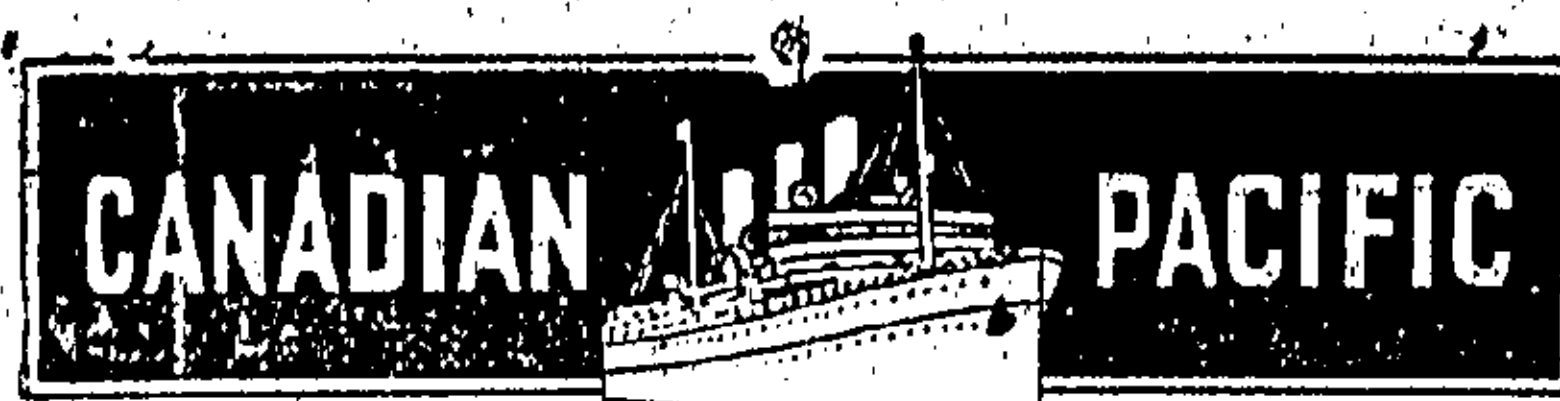


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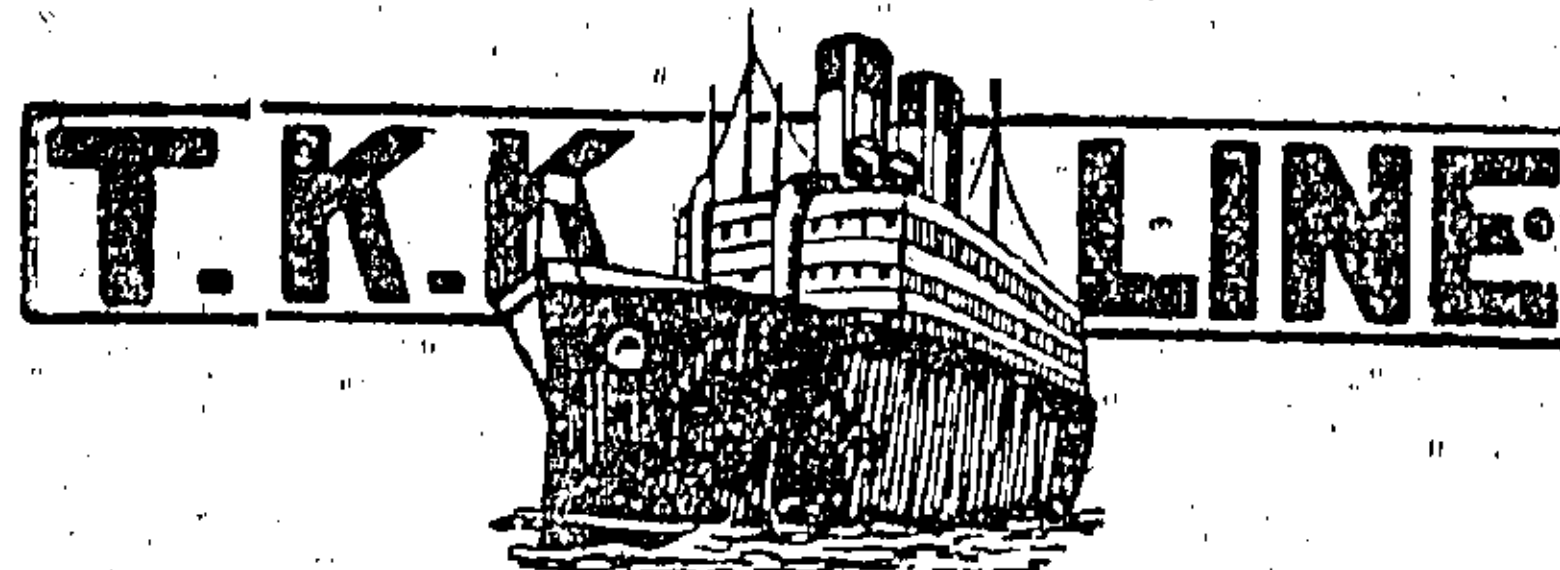
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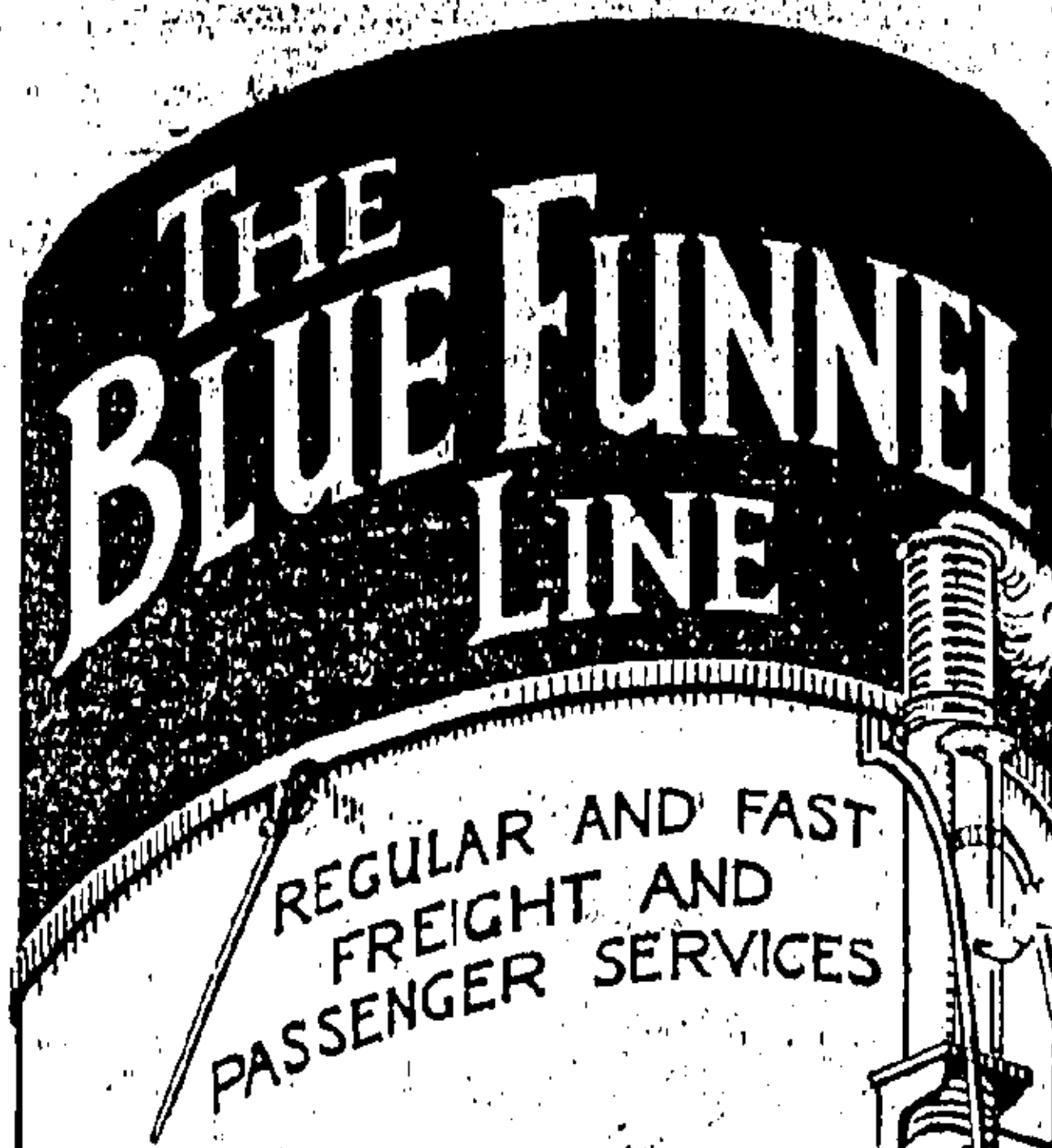
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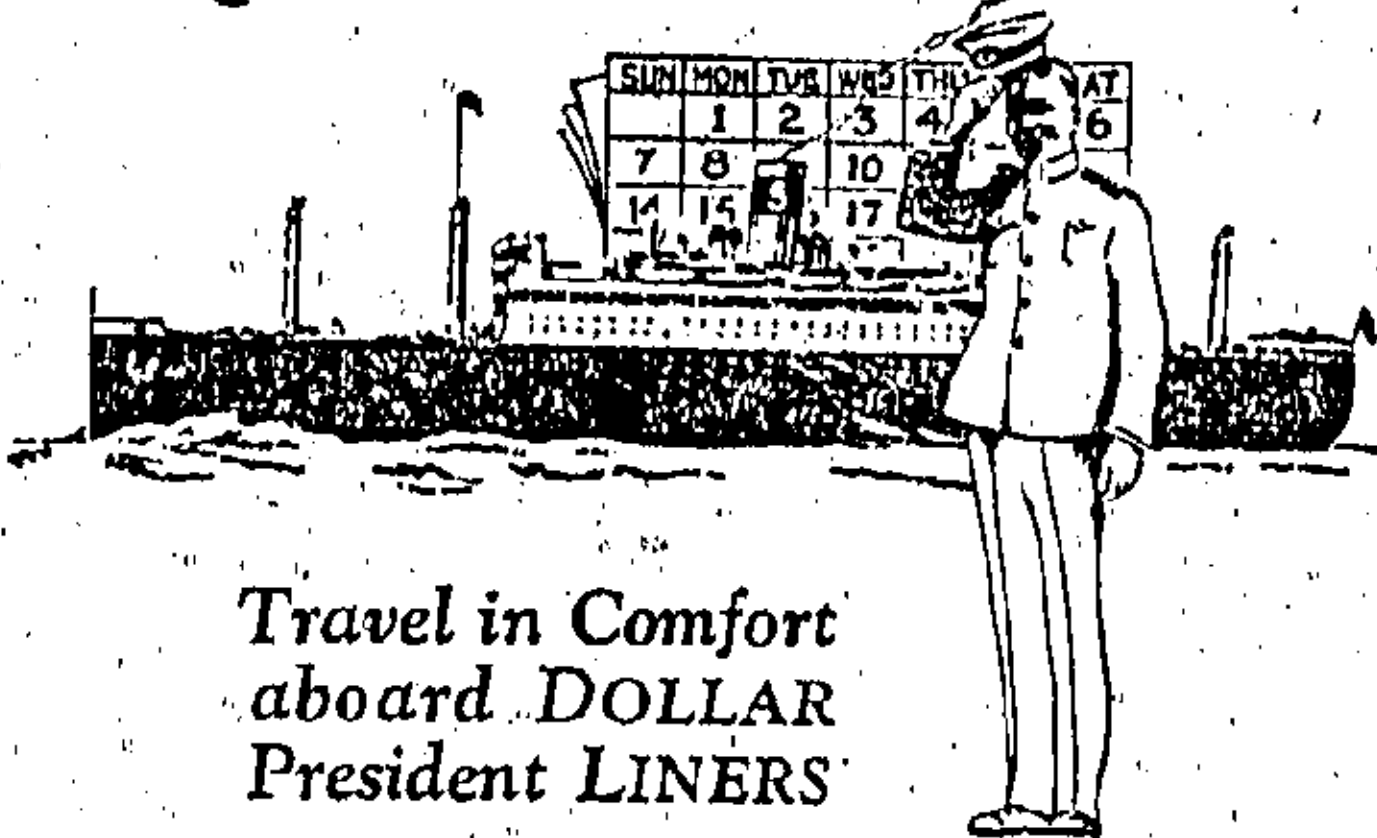
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A message from Mukden states that Chang Tso-lin is preparing to resign. The foreign office has not yet learned of it officially, but the spokesman thinks it is possibly true, as the leaders are advising him to retire, though Chang himself wishes to remain.

The spokesman thinks that if it is true the civil governor, Wang Yung-chiang will probably succeed him. It is also stated that the Japanese Government has learned that Wu Pei-fu recently circulated all the Chinese civil and military governors secretly urging a movement in support of constitutionalism and democracy and for giving up military rule. It is understood that the Government is hopeful of China settling down, though it

THE CHINA STATION.

RECENT APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments were made by the Admiralty on Dec. 2:—Lieut.-Commander P. J. Mack, to Hawkins (Dec. 4); Commander-Engineer J. W. Jones, appointments to Yarmouth and Hawkins cancelled; Act. Warrant Engineer E. T. Robinson, to Yarmouth (on commissioning), for duty on voyage out, and to Hawkins (on recommissioning).

The following appointments were made by the Admiralty on Dec. 5:—Engineer-Lieut. W. G. McDonald, to Yarmouth. (Nov. 30); Com. Gunner W. S. May, to Weymouth (Dec. 16).

The following appointment was made by the Admiralty on Dec. 8:—Lieut.-Commr. P. F. Glover to Yarmouth (on commg.).

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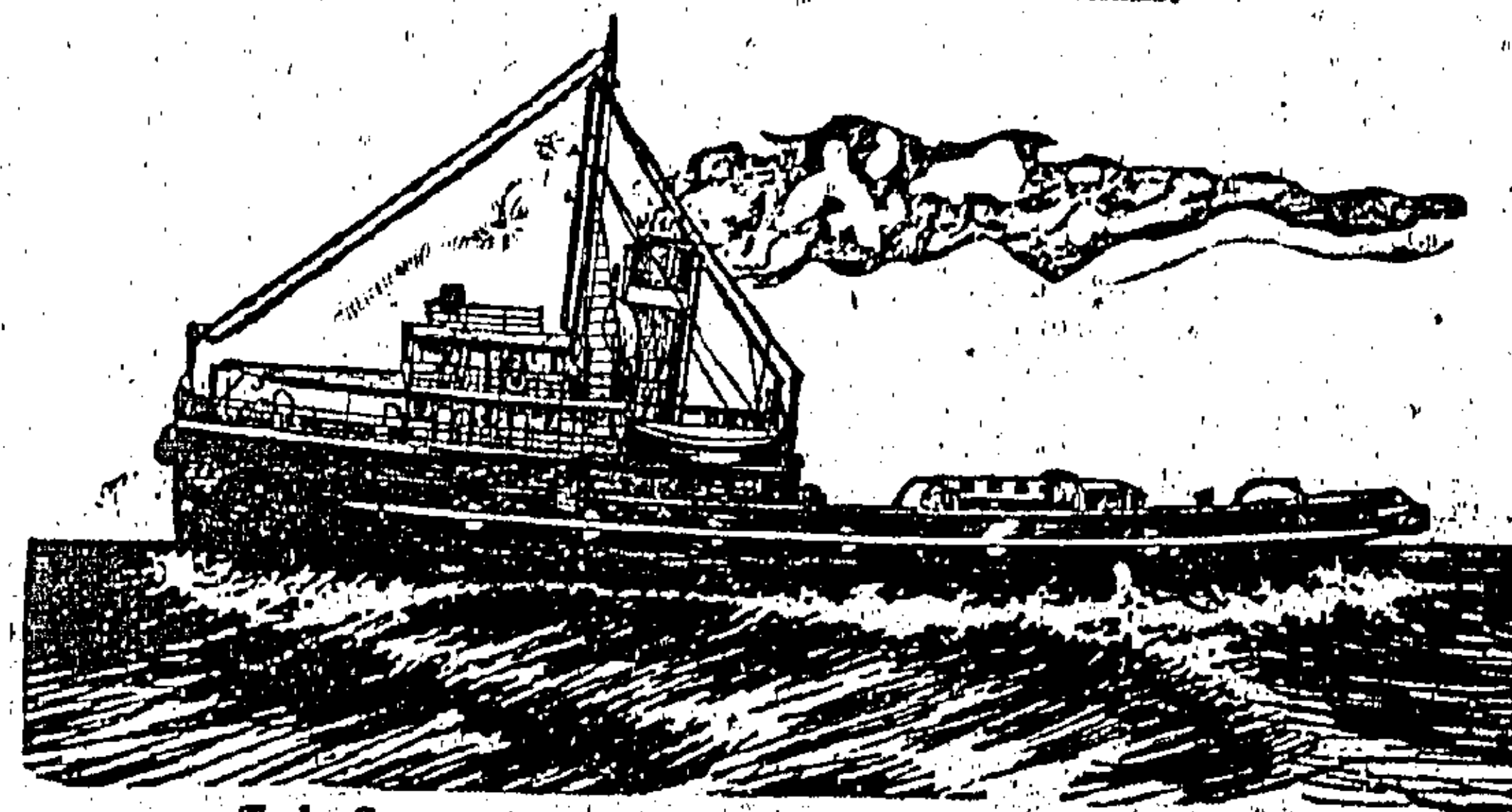
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MALWA	10,941	6th Feb.	Marseilles & London
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GI ENOGLY	3rd Feb.	GLENSHIEL	31st Jan.
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MISHIMA MARU	Wednesday, 24th Feb.
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TATSUNO MARU	Sunday, 17th Jan.
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BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town	
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BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo.	
TAMBA MARU	Tuesday, 12th Jan.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
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MISHIMA MARU	... Saturday, 9th Jan.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	... Friday, 8th Jan.
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The following events are open to members and subscribers of the Club only:

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6.—Handicap Doubles. Entrance Fee, \$2.00 each player. The Committee reserve the right to make two classes of Events 6 if there are a large number of entries.

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From	Per	Due
Europe via Negapatam, (Letters and Papers, London 3rd Dec., 1925) ...	Tokushima Maru	January 8.
Europe via Suez (Letters & papers, London, 10th Dec., 1925, Parcels 3rd Dec., 1925) ...	Mishima Maru	January 8.
Australia and Manila ...	Mulwa	January 8.
3rd Dec., 1925) ...	St. Albans	January 9.
Shanghai ...	Kwaiyang	January 9.
Shanghai ...	Adolf von Bueyer	January 9.
Shanghai ...	Huichow	January 11.
Shanghai ...	Hakone Maru	January 12.
Shanghai ...	Santhia	January 13.
Shanghai ...	Hymettia	January 14.
Shanghai ...	Kwangchow	January 14.
Shanghai ...	Kwangtung	January 15.
Shanghai ...	Pres. Lincoln	January 15.
Shanghai ...	Pres. Grant	Jan. 16.
Shanghai ...	Katori Maru	January 16.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang- hai ...	Pres. Polk	January 18.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shang- hai ...	Pres. Madison	January 19.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang- hai ...	Aki Maru	January 19.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang- hai ...	Pres. Cleveland	January 21.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang- hai ...	Suwa Maru	January 23.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang- hai ...	Atsuta Maru	January 29.

OUTWARD-MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Fort Bayard	Jade	Fri., Jan. 8, 5 p.m.
Manila	Cyclops	Fri., Jan. 8, 5 p.m.
Formosa	Anhalt	Fri., Jan. 8, 5 p.m.
Japan	Mishima Maru	Sat., Jan. 9, 9 a.m.
Hainan	Kaiyang	Sat., Jan. 9, 9 a.m.
Strait, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Eu- rope via Marseilles	Macedonia	Sat., Jan. 9, 9.45 a.m.
	Registration	10.30 a.m.
	Letters	10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles, Feb. 6, 1926).	
Fort Bayard	Hydrangea	Sat., Jan. 9, 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Soochow	Sat., Jan. 9, 2.30 p.m.
Formosa	Kohao Maru	Sat., Jan. 9, 2.30 p.m.
Manila, Straits and Parcels for Germany via Hamburg	Adolf von Bueyer	Sat., Jan. 9, 3 p.m.
Bangkok	Chakrang	Sat., Jan. 9, 5 p.m.
Fort Bayard, Hainan, Pakhoi and Hainan	Hanoi	Sat., Jan. 9, 5 p.m.
Japan	St. Albans	Sat., Jan. 9, 5 p.m.

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R.S.P.C.A. FILM.

PICTURES ALLEGED TO
BE FAKED.

Emotional scenes marked the showing in the Central Hall, London, not long ago, of the R.S.P.C.A. film—alleged by a Departmental Committee to have been "faked"—of incidents in the export horse traffic. Women screamed and shouted, and some were led out in hysterics.

The film followed a public meeting organised by the society to protest against the report.

Captain Gee, V.C., M.P., who in the House of Commons charged the society with using false propaganda to obtain money from the public, was present, and said he adhered to his charges, and was quite ready to repeat them. He was not, however, allowed to speak.

The film shows horses being taken from England to Belgium, and there led through the streets, and two of the horses being killed with a sharp knife.

Of this incident, the Departmental Committee state:—

Members of the committee making inquiries in Belgium were informed that the butchers were paid to kill the horse for the purpose of the film, and that the film did not represent the method generally adopted in 1914 (the date of the film) to slaughter a horse in Belgium.

When this part of the film was reached the emotion of the audience, three-parts of whom were women, reached its height. There were screams and sobbing in all parts of the building. Half a dozen women were on their feet, at once making speeches.

Then another woman sprang to her feet and shouted: "It must stop; it must stop now!" As she spoke an elderly woman in one of the galleries cried out hysterically and was led from the hall sobbing.

Supporters of Captain Gee shouted: "Faked! Faked!" in reference to the pictures, and for a few moments the darkened hall was a scene of pandemonium.

At the meeting which preceded the film there was a heated scene between Mr. H. de Vere Stacpoole, the novelist, who was speaking, and Captain Gee, V.C., who sat immediately behind him.

DRAMATIC CHALLENGE.

Turning dramatically, his back to the audience, and pointing at Captain Gee, the speaker said:—"You have charged the society with perpetrating an act of cruelty in order to fleece the public of its money."

Captain Gee stood up to reply, but his words were drowned in an uproar.

Previously Lord Banbury, the chairman, had asked if Captain Gee were present. The captain rose, whereupon Lord Banbury asked if he would repeat in public the statements he had made about the society in the House of Commons.

Captain Gee: I am quite ready to repeat them on this platform if you give me an opportunity. Lord Banbury: I cannot allow you to make a speech. It is sufficient if you say you are willing to repeat them.

Captain Gee: I am quite ready to repeat on this platform the full report from Hansard.

Lord Banbury said the charge against the society was that it had faked a film to get money

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MOAT.

After farming for more than half a century at Clitterhouse Farm, Crickwood, on land where may still be traced the formation of a moat and earthworks that date back to pre-Norman times, Mr. Richard Koevil has been forced to yield before the advance of expanding London.

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"In 1873 my land was surrounded entirely by farms and estates. Now I can see as many churches from here as I formerly could houses, and I have seen many a good field of corn reaped in the fields where the Hampstead Garden City now is."

"Before the time of Domesday Book this farm was a moated grange or blockhouse defended by earthworks, and when I came here the moat, still full of water, encircled the farmstead. I had to have it filled in, but traces of it remain."

"The greatest change came during the war, when part of the land was acquired for the Handley-Page aerodrome and I had machines flying over my head all day long."

"It was out on my old fields that the big bombing planes were standing by, waiting the signal to attack Berlin, when the Armistice came."

from the public. In order to get money it was necessary for a film to be shown, but that film had been shown on two occasions only. The first was in February 1914, when it was shown to members of both Houses of Parliament and an official of the Board of Agriculture, and the second was in January 1921, when it was again shown privately to members of Parliament.

Commander Konworthy, M.P., said they should not lose sight of their main purpose, which was to prevent the traffic in worn-out horses entirely (Cheers). If horse-flesh was wanted on the Continent, it should be exported as dead meat.

A resolution expressing confidence in the society, and requesting the Government to inquire immediately into the statements made by Captain Gee and by the Departmental Committee, was declared carried.

£10,000 PEARLS.

IN DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

A £10,000 pearl necklace, for which English and Canadian detectives had searched in vain for over three months, has been found in the Dead Letter Office of the G.P.O. in London.

An anonymous letter, addressed to a Cambridge undergrad, led to the jewels being recovered intact.

They are now in the possession of Post Office detectives, awaiting identification by the owner, the Hon. Mrs. J. E. Blyth, who is at present abroad.

The mysterious history of the necklace begins in Canada, where Mrs. Blyth had been visiting friends.

On the eve of her return to England on August 15 she was replacing the necklace in its case when the string broke.

Only one pearl was detached, and Mrs. Blyth wrapped this stone and the two pieces of the necklace in a handkerchief, and placed them under the tray of a green leather jewel case.

When she boarded the liner Asconia the jewel case was placed in the strong room.

Some days after her arrival in England she discovered that although all her other jewels were intact, the necklace had gone.

Messrs. Summors and Henderson, the assessors for the insurance company, offered a reward of £10,000, and a statement was received that some pearls had been found in the grounds of the Chateau, Lake Louise, Alberta, where Mrs. Blyth had been staying. These proved to be not the necklace, and only paste.

Recently Mr. Ian Blyth, her son, who is at Cambridge, received an anonymous letter, telling him that if he cared to call at the Southampton Post Office and ask for a parcel in the name of Caruthers he would receive a very welcome surprise.

Mr. Blyth went there, only to learn that a parcel had been lying there in that name, but that a communication had been received asking that it should be sent to the Dead Letter Office, and that had been done.

In the parcel were the detached pearl and the two parts of the necklace carefully wrapped in cotton wool. Nothing was missing. The handwriting on the parcel was the same as that in the letters.

WEMBLEY'S HALF
ACRE CARPET.

PART GOING TO A LONDON
RESTAURANT.

The great blue and gold Saxony carpet which was a feature of one of Wembley's restaurants, and was reputed to be the "largest carpet in Europe," was cut up for sale last month. It was more than half an acre in area, measuring 165 feet by 135, and weighing more than five tons. It cost £1,200.

One portion, measuring 1,000 square yards, is going to a London restaurant. The amount over is large enough to make 100 drawing-room carpets, measuring 13 feet by 10 feet.

Entertainments.

SHOWING TO-DAY

BUSTER KEATON

Our Hospitality

The QUEEN'S

Mighty Lak' a Rose

A Page from the Book of Life

The STAR

MEGGIE ALBANESI

in

HONOUR

at

The WORLD

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per s.s. President Lincoln from San Francisco via ports, January 7.—Mr. E. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Friedgen, Mr. John H. Green, Mr. O. Hargis, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Leach, Mr. King E. Look, Mr. A. K. Look, Mr. Chas. Muncini, Mr. William Milne, Mr. Jose Noronha, Mrs. Louise Probasco, Miss Ruth S. Ranney, Mr. Chas. Reed, Mrs. Sun Yat Sen, Mr. Mayling Soong, Mr. Geo. A. Walker, Mr. Walter S. Weeks, Mr. W. Ainsworth, Mrs. K. Ainsworth, Miss R. Ainsworth, Mr. C. Ainsworth, Mr. Kat B. Brizard, Mr. H. P. Brizard, Mr. and Mrs. John Brett, Mrs. Mary W. Brandt, Mr. Chang Pak Hen, Mr. M. Cook, Mrs. B. Cook, Mrs. Laura Cummings, Mr. Kenneth B. Day, Mrs. Alice W. Day, Miss A. W. Day, Miss A. B. Day, Mr. R. Dooley, Mrs. E. S. Dooley, Mr. Alfred Ehrman, Mr. William Finkbine, Mrs. Florence Finkbine, Mrs. E. Heidelbach, Mr. Jas G. Lawrence, Mr. F. Lichauco, Mr. Edward Lloret, Miss Christina Lumanas, Mr. Hiram Merriman, Mr. E. E. Mohr, Mrs. Mabel S. Moyle, Mrs. Mary Morgan, Mr. S. H. Nexen, Mr. and Mrs. E. Phillips, Mr. A. H. Raymond, Mrs. J. H. Rothwell, Mrs. M. H. Rothwell, Mr. H. H. Soovel, Mrs. M. P. Soovel, Mr. C. Taylor, Mr. E. Walsh, Mrs. M. Walsh, Mr. Harry Wilson, Mrs. Nettie Wilson, Mr. Lee H. Wise, Mrs. S. V. Wise, Mr. R. E. Wemach, Mrs. Gladys M. Wemach.

Per s.s. Fontainebleau from Europe via ports, January 7.—Mr. Sanehey, Miss M. Claburn, Mr. J. Bonga, Mrs. C. S. Haigh, Mr. Harry Root, Mr. R. M. M. Mr. Hartmann, Mr. Neary, Mrs. J. Peterson, Mr. R. P. Thomson, Mrs. Sam Tram Tam, Mr. Sam 'Hoc Chi, Mr. Bertin.

DEPARTED.

Per s.s. Arafura for Australian ports, January 6.—Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Valley, Mrs. Thea Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. L. Amidani, Miss C. D. Ferguson, Mr. D. Smith, Mr. G. Alexander, Mr. D. Campbell, Mr. F. R. Parks, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Wallace.

LOCAL CRICKET.

LEAGUE TABLES.

Division I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Royal Navy	6	3	3	—	12
Kowloon	6	3	3	—	12
University	4	2	1	7	7
H.K.C.C.	4	1	2	5	6
Indian R.C.	6	1	2	3	5
Civil Service	5	5	5	—	5
Craigengower	3	1	1	4	4
R.A.	3	1	1	4	4
East Surrey	3	1	1	4	4
Chinese R.C.	3	1	2	1	3

Division II.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Kowloon	5	3	2	—	11
Indian R.C.	6	3	—	0	12
Police	4	2	1	7	7
H.K.C.C.	3	1	2	5	6
University	4	1	2	5	6
Civil Service	4	—	2	2	2
University	3	—	1	1	1
R.E.	1	—	1	—	—

D. B. S. v. C. B. S.

With a view to encouraging School cricket, the C. R. C. kindly lent their ground for a match between the D. B. S. and the C. B. S. last Wednesday.

The C. B. S. were offered first knock and were defeated by the Diocesan Boys by six wickets, A. Lee taking 8 of their wickets in the first innings. The fielding on both sides was good.

The C. B. S. compiled 56 (Edwards 25), their opponents replying with 76 (Samy 21, Zimmern, 21). In their second effort the C. B. S. made 47 (Witchell 15), and the Diocesan knocked off the runs required with the loss of four wickets, Zimmern contributing 28 of the 34.

Over Thirty Versus Under Thirty.

The following will represent the respective teams playing in the above match on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground to-morrow afternoon commencing at 1.15 p.m.:—Over 30.—R. Hancock (Capt.), Lt. Comdr. Beatty, Lt.-Col. Cantrell, A. W. Hayward, J. D. Humphreys, Capt. E. W. Morris, E. J. R. Mitchell, R. E. H. Oliver, T. E. Pearce, Rev. T. B. Powell, and Lt.-Col. T. A. Robertson. Under 30.—H. Owen Hughes (Capt.), A. C. I. Bowker, Eng. Lt. Bennett, Lt. Halsey, Pay Lt. Hussey, Lt. Nicholson, H. V. Parker, Lt. Sillitoe, Mid. Stephenson, Lt. Wauchope, and F. N. Young.

A Malay rubber tapper at Tanjong Musang, near Jabi, which is about seven miles from Alor Star, ran amok recently behind the house of the Malay Judge, Syed Hassan. He stabbed with a wall the nephew of Syed Hassan. He also stabbed a woman and her child. Thus he killed three in all, reports a Penang paper. He afterwards swam down the river, but, on coming to land, was speared by the son of the man he had killed. Two other persons were also injured: one was Mr. Abbas, of Messrs. Fritchard's branch at Alor Star, who is in hospital but not very seriously hurt. The amok died in hospital the same night.

